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Historian Gilbert becomes the Boswell to No 10

By Peter Riddell and Daniel Johnson

JOHN MAJOR may have found his Boswell in the unlikely shape of the authorised biographer of Sir Winston Churchill. Martin Gilbert is being described in Downing Street as "court chronicler" to the Prime Minister, though it is not clear what form his reflections will take.

Mr Gilbert, the author of six of the eight volumes of the official life of Churchill, is the only outsider in the small official party of civil servants accompanying the Prime Minister on his trip to Washington.

His role consists of advising the Prime Minister on the historical background to the "special relationship", so that Mr Major can remind his hosts of happier days half a century ago.

Mr Gilbert also accompanied Mr Major on his visit to the Middle East three weeks ago, though on that occasion he was an adviser in view of his expertise as a historian of the Holocaust and of Jewish affairs.

A Downing Street official said the nature of Mr Gilbert's project was still uncertain though he had known the Prime Minister for several years. Mr Gilbert has helped on the drafting of a number of Mr Major's speeches since the last general election.

It is highly unusual for historians to be given such close access to a politician who is still active and in office. Edmund Morris was given similar treatment towards the end of Ronald Reagan's presidency. The closest British parallel is John Morley, who wrote the classic official biography of Gladstone after observing him closely as a member of his last cabinet in the 1890s.

An approved biography of Mr Major is now being written by Anthony Seldon, a prominent contemporary historian. This is due for publication in the autumn of next year.

Apart from his mammoth biography of Churchill, Mr Gilbert has written extensively on 20th century conflicts, including both world wars. In July last year when he approached the Churchill biography, he said that he was thinking about writing about some other British figure. "But I have no one in mind. Any suggestions would be gratefully received."

His presence at John Major's side on a particularly awkward visit to Washington confirms that Churchill's most distinguished biographer is now one of the Prime Minister's closest confidants. Mr Gilbert has in fact been contributing to Mr Major's speeches since the two men became friends before the 1992 general election. The historian's rapport with the Prime Minister seems to be based on mutual regard; Mr Major evidently finds Mr Gilbert's liberal views quite congenial. Indeed, Mr Gilbert, 59, is exactly the kind of polymath that any politician would like to have around. Mrs Thatcher, for example, invited the historian Hugh Thomas (Lord Thomas of Swynnerton) to accompany her on visits to Latin America.

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Gilbert: a confidant

Panorama 'prejudicial to elections'

Judge halts TV interview with Major

By Philip Webster, Political Editor, and Gillian Bowditch

OPPOSITION parties yesterday won a court battle to prevent the BBC from broadcasting a *Panorama* interview with the Prime Minister in Scotland because it was three days before the elections for Scotland's new unitary local authorities.

The Labour and Liberal Democrat parties accused the Conservatives of trying to bully the BBC into more favourable coverage, and Lord Abernethy in the Court of Session in Edinburgh upheld the argument that the programme could prejudice the outcome of the election.

The BBC said that it was disappointed by the decision, which had important implications for the freedom of broadcasters to report in a fair, balanced and independent way. It was considering an appeal.

In order to comply with the court's ruling the BBC had to stop the 9.30pm broadcast in parts of the north of England because viewers in the Borders may have been able to receive the programme.

In the interview John Major gave his strongest signal so far that he plans two tax-cutting Budgets before the next general election, likely to be in the spring of 1997.

Asked why he expected people to believe him on tax after the increases of the past two years, the Prime Minister said: "I invite people to wait until November this year and November next year and then judge us at the general election whenever it may be." He reacted more coolly to Tory demands for a three-year rolling programme of reductions to go beyond the election.

The pledge on tax was the hardest commitment that any senior minister has yet given about the prospect of tax cuts before the election and effectively commits the Chancellor to substantial tax cuts this November and next year. Mr Major stopped short of backing the idea apparently favoured by Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative chairman, that the Government should try to put Labour on the spot by legislating for a three year rolling programme of tax cuts. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who will be pressed to accept the idea by Conservative MPs today, has let it be known that he cannot afford to be boxed in so far in advance.

Mr Major, while clearly not ruling out a proposal that many Tories believe will become irresistible if the economy produces the growth needed to finance tax cuts, said that the Government did not have the figures to make such judgments.

His remark that the Government should be judged on what it had done rather than promised suggested that he may be in the camp of ministers such as Mr Clarke who would prefer all the available money to be used on tangible cuts in the next two Budgets rather than holding a proportion over as an election bribe.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said that Mr Major had now promised a two stage tax cut, Mr Hanley a three-stage cut, and the Chancellor was silent. "They cannot even get their act together on this."

Mr Major delivered a fierce counter-attack against charges that he was ineffective and indecisive, declaring that he had avoided cheap and populist measures, and that he would lead the Conservatives through to an election that they would win.

David Dimbleby asked: "You are anticipating running your full term, quite clearly?" Mr Major responded: "I certainly am anticipating that." The latest date for the next election is May 1997.

He also gave strong hints that he expected the Greenbury committee on executive pay to come up with fresh powers for shareholders to control excessive pay and ceilings on windfall gains, making plain that he intended to have new curbs in operation for the privatised rail industry. And he delivered his most sceptical remarks yet about a single currency, saying he would never allow one to be introduced if it damaged the nation state.

He made plain that he was looking for something more substantial than the old-style "feel-good" factor based on inflationary pay claims and soaring house prices. Often that artificial feeling was a prelude to a "hell of hangover". He spoke confidently of a lengthy period of sustainable growth with low inflation.

But it was when Mr Dimbleby asked him whether the Tories would have a better chance with a new leader that Mr Major became passionate and showed his determination to retrieve his reputation.

None of his predecessors, he said, had set out so clearly to break the inflationary psychology of Britain. If he was ineffective and indecisive he would not have stuck with that policy. If the description of him was accurate, he would not have bothered to pick up the problem of Northern Ireland. "I could have left it lying to one side, but I did not think it was right."

He said that no one else had tried quite so hard to change the structure of public service and open government. "I expect to stay here leading the Conservative Party right up to the election and through the election, and I expect that we will win that election."

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REUTER

Mr Major at the Pentagaon for the start of his two days of talks in Washington

Ministers study £8,000 'learning credits' scheme

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

PLANS to issue education vouchers worth up to £8,000 to sixth formers will be examined by Cabinet ministers this week in an attempt to make schools, colleges and employers more responsive to the career ambitions of young people.

The proposed shake-up, which would put the funding of academic courses on the same footing as vocational ones, would have far-reaching effects on school sixth forms.

Those that attracted plenty of 16-year-olds keen to stay on and do A levels would flourish. But those that lost many of their pupils to rival colleges of further education or employer-based courses would come under financial pressure.

Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, is understood to be attracted by a scheme intended to give greater consumer power to young people planning their futures and to replace the effective monopoly enjoyed by many schools and colleges with the dynamism of an educational marketplace.

He will urge his fellow ministers to test its practicalities by running three or four pilot projects involving about 25,000 16-year-olds. He could run into opposition from Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, who might resist any encroachment onto her territory.

Although John Major has made clear the Government sees no place for vouchers for children of compulsory school age and will not breach the principle of free state schooling for the 5-16 age group, vouchers are being seen by ministers as the best way of expanding provision for younger and older children.

An announcement about a voucher scheme for nursery schools is expected shortly and Mr Portillo is keen to try out the idea for the 16-19 age group.

The Cabinet's home and social affairs committee, which meets on Thursday, will have before it a report from Coopers and Lybrand, a firm of management consultants, on "learning credits".

A key issue for ministers is whether teenagers will be able to keep the "loose change" if a course costs less than the value of their voucher. The prospect of sixth formers being asked to top up their vouchers to meet the cost of courses is being discounted.

The committee is chaired by Tony Newton, the Commons Leader, and has a wide membership of ministers involved in domestic policy.

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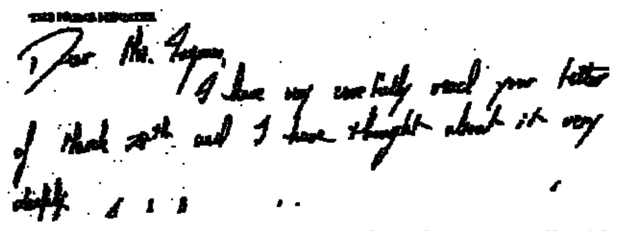
Mother makes fruitless trip to plead for her son's life

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

ANNE INGRAM, mother of the British-born murderer due to die in Georgia's electric chair this Thursday, flew from Atlanta to Washington yesterday in a desperate but futile attempt to persuade John Major to intervene on her son's behalf.



THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Mrs Ingram, I have very carefully read your letter of March 20th and I have thought about it very deeply

The start of Mr Major's hand-written letter. Details, P2

The Prime Minister refused to see Mrs Ingram between his meetings with top American officials and congressmen. Instead, he sent her a note sympathising with her suffering but saying there was nothing he could do. She spent nearly an hour presenting her case to Peter Westmacott, the political counsellor at the British Embassy, and then flew back to Atlanta.

Mrs Ingram said she had told Mr Westmacott of new information that her son, Nicholas, 32, had been on antipsychotic drugs during his trial and unable properly to defend himself. She said she would wait to see what the Prime Minister thought of this new information, but added that, whatever he answered, she had "not given up this fight, not by a long shot".

Mrs Ingram, herself British, said she had come to Washington "as a mother trying to save her son". She described her son as "very scared. He can see that time's running out for him."

Anne Ingram

Mrs Ingram's son has been on death row for 12 years after conviction for murdering a neighbour during a burglary. The British Government believes that there are no grounds for Mr Major to intervene. The Prime Minister gave her his reasons for that view in a letter, dated March 31, which, unusually in a prime ministerial letter of the kind, was handwritten.

He wrote that he had thought "very long and carefully about the position and understood how deeply distressed she was". The government view is that it has no

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Barings chairman quits

PETER BARING and Andrew Tuckey, the chairman and deputy chairman of Barings, the collapsed merchant bank, resigned yesterday, declaring that their move was a "matter of honour and principle". The two offered their resignations when ING, the Dutch group, bought Barings last month, but were persuaded to stay on to ensure a smooth transfer. Clients and staff felt, however, that it was "important that someone at a senior level carried the can" .... Page 21

Judge orders a meal for four hungry defendants

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

A TRIAL at the Old Bailey was halted yesterday after four prisoners said they were hungry because lunch had been inadequate.

The four complained to the judge of the £30,000-a-day trial that Securicor, the private security firm, had given them each only two tinned sausages in thin gravy and a cup of cold tea instead of the usual packet of crisps, sandwich and an apple. Securicor said the men had been given a hot meal similar to those on airlines.

But the prisoners were unimpressed. One defending barrister told Judge Geoffrey Grigson that if animals had been treated in that way the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals would have been called in.

Robert Banks, counsel for one of the men, told the judge: "My client has only had two tinned sausages and a thin liquid, described as gravy, washed down with a cold cup of tea. There must be a basic right to food." If prisoners were not fed properly between getting up at 5am and 3pm they could not concentrate on the evidence. "The failure here impinges on the ability of the trial to proceed."

Judge Grigson heard complaints for 30 minutes from other lawyers, and called to the witness box the senior custody officer of Securicor, who have the £96 million five-year contract to escort prisoners to court in the London metropolitan area.

Peter Foster said: "We are experimenting with the sort of hot meals you're served on airlines. This is our first day. I have no idea how much it fills them up. The meals are cellophane sealed and go into a microwave. We are given one pack per prisoner per day". When the judge asked if the men could have more food, he replied: "They could have two meals, but I would have to get clearance for that".

John Hilton, QC, another counsel, said: "I don't think any airline would agree their food is anything like this".

It was plain, the judge said, that the defendants felt they had not been properly fed. The case was halted for 90 minutes while they were given extra food.

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A question of turning the tables on inquisitors

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

FOUR hundred and eighty-nine journalists now have parliamentary press passes. We know this because it was revealed in a Written Answer from the Chairman of the Administration Committee last week.

Peter Bottomley (C. Eltham) had inquired. Bottomley is on the warpath after newspapers suggested that MPs were enjoying an effective three-day week.

"Will he arrange to monitor for a week the number of journalists in the gallery during *each hour the House* sits?" Bottomley added.

"Yes," was the reply. "I have asked the Serjeant at Arms to make arrangements for the first full sitting week after the House returns from the Easter adjournment."

I regret to say that Bottomley's warning has yet to sink in. Choosing a particularly riveting moment of yesterday afternoon's proceedings when, at 5.43pm, MPs were considering New Clause 1 at the Report Stage of the Finance Bill, I peered in to check. David Winnick (Lab, Walsall N) was on his feet. Besides Winnick there were *17 MPs in the Chamber.*

There was one journalist in the Press Gallery. He was not taking notes. Where were the other 488? We must pull up our socks fast if we are to survive the head counts.

Mr Bottomley's spies will either have to keep a continuous tally, or make random swoops. For if the count takes place at the same time each hour we will soon learn when that is, and file in like *prisoners to the prison yard* for the taking of the register — then escape back behind bars. Many journalists consider the Bottomley plan outrageous.

But this column is concerned not that it is too bold — but that *it* is too timid. The mere fact of a reporter's physical presence is no guarantee that he or she is listening, understanding, or, indeed, awake. Ten seconds *of Winnick yesterday had my* eyes glazing over.

There are two ways Mr B might check that we were doing our job. The first (and less ambitious) is that Madam Speaker be empowered to interrupt MPs' speeches at any point, crane her neck up at the Press Gallery, select any journalist at random, and call: "You — yes, *you*, young lady — Alice Thomson! What was Mr Winnick just saying?" And (assuming she had a note) Alice would have to try to read her shorthand back as MPs giggled and jeered.

For expert political editors, this spotcheck could go further. *As (for instance) Mr* Major droned "I refer my Rt Hon friend to the answer I gave on 20 March, 1991". Miss Boothroyd could bark up at us: "Now let's see who really knows their stuff. To what is the Prime Minister referring here? *Hands up!* Yes, Peter Riddell …"

But my more ambitious plan is, I think, the best. Apart from Questions to departmental ministers, each Wednesday would feature quarter of an hour for Questions to newspaper editors. On the first Wednesday after Easter, we might have Questions to the Editor of *The Independent* newspaper.

Mr Ian Hargreaves, sitting among us upstairs, would be flanked (as secretaries of state are flanked by junior ministers) by his lobby correspondents. Hargreaves would quail as he saw that Question 1 was from Jonathan Aitken: "When did the Editor last meet Mr Tim Laxton, on his staff, and will he make a Statement?"

Tories would cheer and Labour boo as Aitken tried to trip Hargreaves up. Tory poodles would chip in with planted questions designed to assist the Chief Secretary.

After all, if the media do *now* wield *the power that* everyone says we do, perhaps we should be held to account.

M25 to be widened to carry 12 lanes of traffic

By Jonathan Prynn and Alice Thompson

THE busiest two-mile section of the M25 is to be turned into the country's first 12-lane motorway, the Transport Secretary said yesterday.

Controversial proposals to build link-roads alongside the M25 in Surrey to create a 14-lane super-highway had been shelved, Brian Mawhinney told the Commons. The decision was condemned by the roads lobby and environmental groups.

Under the new proposals, the most heavily congested stretch of the London orbital motorway will be widened to at *least five lanes in* each direction between junctions 12 and 16 to the west of the capital. Only between junction 14, the interchange with the M4, and junction 15 will the carriageway be widened to six lanes. Dr Mawhinney said the £75 million widening scheme, combined with the introduction of new traffic management technology, was capable of handling the projected growth in traffic on the M25 for the next 15 years.

Michael Meacher, the Shadow Transport Secretary, *said* the Government *had* been forced into "a monumental U-turn on a scheme which should never have been envisaged". The proposed road lanes were "very expensive and will rapidly fill up with traffic", he said.

Local anti-roads campaigners pledged to continue the fight against the proposals. Roger Higman, transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said: "This announcement paves the way for part of the M25 to be turned into a 12-lane superhighway. That is simply unacceptable."

The decision also met a furious reaction from the roads lobby. The AA said it was "a stake through the heart of the economy".

The Government was forced into action over the M25 by the volume of traffic using it for access to Heathrow and Gatwick airports. Dr Mawhinney said he was setting up a cross-departmental group of officials chaired by Steve Norris, the Minister for Transport in London, to explore developing better road and rail links with the airports. This could include railway stations with check-in facilities next to motorways leading into the capital.

Clwyd and Cousins failed to clear visit to Turkey with Chief Whip

Blair dismisses two frontbenchers for unauthorised trip

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

Cousins: not whingeing

Clwyd: attacked the Labour leader's decision to dismiss her as unfair

TONY BLAIR took a tough approach to party discipline yesterday by sacking two Labour frontbenchers for taking an unauthorised trip abroad.

Ann Clwyd and Jim Cousins, both from Labour's foreign affairs team, were dismissed after going on a five-day visit to Turkey and Iraq without getting permission from Derek Foster, Labour's Chief Whip. Determined to assert his authority on his frontbench team, the Labour leader reprimanded Ms Clwyd and Mr Cousins for missing a series of key votes in the Commons last week.

The MPs left on Sunday, March 26, missing votes on the Disabled Rights Bill and a three-line whip on an education debate, before returning last Friday.

The visit, to monitor the Turkish army's incursion against Kurdish guerrillas in Iraq, also meant that two of Labour's foreign affairs team were absent during Foreign Office questions in the Commons last Wednesday.

"They have been dismissed for going abroad without the permission of the whips or of the Shadow Foreign Secretary and subsequently failing to return for important votes, having been asked to do so," a spokesman for Mr Blair said.

Ms Clwyd, who had previously been sacked from the front bench by Neil Kinnock for voting against Labour on a defence vote, immediately attacked the decision as "unfair". But Mr Cousins accepted the decision and told her to stop "whingeing".

Ms Clwyd said that her dismissal was due to a long-standing argument with one of the senior Labour whips, the pairing whip Ray Powell.

She argued she had been treated unfairly, insisting that she had had a good voting record and had been absent from the Commons only once this year.

"I am quite prepared to take punishment when I think it is deserved but I do not, *in* the circumstances, believe it was deserved," Ms Clwyd said. She argued that she had been invited at the last minute by Erdal Inonu, the new Turkish Foreign Secretary, to act as an international observer.

Ms Clwyd, a human rights campaigner, has had close links with Turkey for more than a decade and felt she could not turn down such an opportunity.

Mr Cousins, in sharp contrast, accepted Mr Blair's decision and admitted that he would have done the same himself, and he advised Ms Clwyd to stop complaining.

"I don't think she has been unfairly treated — I don't think I have been unfairly treated," he said. "I am not whingeing about it and I strongly recommend that Ann doesn't whinge either," he added.

He is said to have agreed to go with her because his brief covers the Middle East, but he is privately angry that the trip turned out to be little more than a propaganda exercise.

The Chief Whip was alerted to their trip only on Monday morning last week, although Ms Clwyd insisted she had left a message on the answering machine of Don Dixon, the deputy chief whip, on Sunday before she departed.

She also said that she had told the office of Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, about the trip on the previous Friday.

Mr Foster contacted both MPs on Monday afternoon when they were on the Iraqi border and told them would be sacked unless they returned on the next available flight.

He then reserved two places on an aircraft returning from Ankara on Wednesday night but the MPs failed to take them. Ms Clwyd maintains that she and Mr Cousins never knew about the seats. But their failure to return on Wednesday was said to be the last straw.

Mr Blair's tough approach shows his determination to instil discipline into his frontbench team.

The whips' office has also been trying to ensure a 100 per cent turnout for recent votes, to highlight the Government's small majority.

Both Ms Clwyd and Mr Cousins are expected to be replaced by two MPs from the 1992 intake who were promoted to the whips' office last November.

Church is criticised for £800m losses

By Arthur Leathley

A Commons report into the Church of England's £800 million losses is set to trigger a shake-up of the links between church and state.

Heavy losses on property deals, most notably in an £80 million development now worth £3 million, will be dismissed as extremely "foolish" by MPs later this month. The Commons report will conclude that the Church Commissioners came as "close as any exempt charity could to breaking the law" and will demand changes in the way the church controls its funds.

The Commissioners, who administer assets worth £2.4 billion, may also be forced to cede control of clergy pensions worth some £1 billion.

Members of the Commons Social Security Select Committee will call for improvements in the Church's actuarial procedures and publish a list of criticisms of the Commissioners' investment strategy, its "cosy" relationship with specialist financial advisers and its failure to publish adequate accounts.

MPs are anxious to press for change to prevent a repetition of the investments made by the Church during the 1980s.

The report, to be published after the Easter holidays, will call on Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to back legislation that will give MPs greater power over setting new pensions rules, possibly by this summer, and for new laws on the relationship between Parliament, the Commissioners and the Church's General Synod, next year.

Major challenges Adams to discuss decommissioning

From Peter Riddell in Washington

JOHN MAJOR challenged Gerry Adams and Sinn Fein yesterday to start serious discussions about decommissioning the IRA's weapons and explosives.

Speaking in Washington, the Prime Minister brushed aside Mr Adams's comment that he did not have any confidence in Mr Major, who should follow the example of President Clinton and "sue for peace".

Mr Major said that he did not care what the President of Sinn Fein thought. What he was concerned about was that Sinn Fein "comes along and engages in constructive discussions that will lead to a decommissioning of arms".

Mr Major discussed the Northern Ireland situation in his talks with members of the Administration and with congressional leaders. Mr Major was given strong support on the decommissioning issue by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State. Both Mr Major and Mr Christopher were at pains to put behind them the differences last *month over Mr Adams's visit* to Washington. Mr Major described these diffferences as "a spat, as there is in the best of families".

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said he hoped that ministerial talks with Sinn Fein could begin soon.

Mr Major and the Clinton Administration proclaimed their agreement on a wide range of international issues, headed by the Bosnian conflict, as a preparation for the meeting today at the White House between the Prime Minister and the President.

On Bosnia, both governments agreed on the need to reinvigorate the international contact group to prolong the cessation of hostilities due to end later this month. However, Mr Major failed to persuade Senator Robert Dole, the Republican majority leader, of the strong British opposition to the unilateral lifting of sanctions against arms supplies to the Bosnian Muslims.

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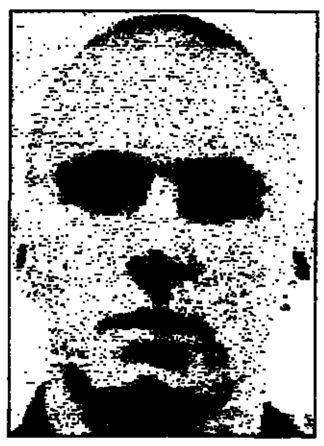

Ingram: condemned

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legal standing in a case in the state of Georgia. That is not only because Ingram has dual nationality but also because the Government does not believe in interfering where someone has broken the laws of another country.

The Prime Minister also emphasised America's right to use the death penalty for serious crimes in a draft reply to the Labour MP Anne Campbell, in whose Cambridge constituency Ingram was born. Mr Major wrote: "There are no special grounds for a plea because the death penalty is permitted in certain circumstances under international human rights law. Mr Ingram was convicted of a *most serious crime as specified in Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Mr Ingram has received a fair trial and a lengthy appeals process."

Mr Major, who votes in the Commons against restoring capital punishment, made the *personal decision not to intervene after receiving an emotional letter from Ingram's mother last week.

The Foreign Office advised the Prime Minister that Britain had no formal grounds to become involved.

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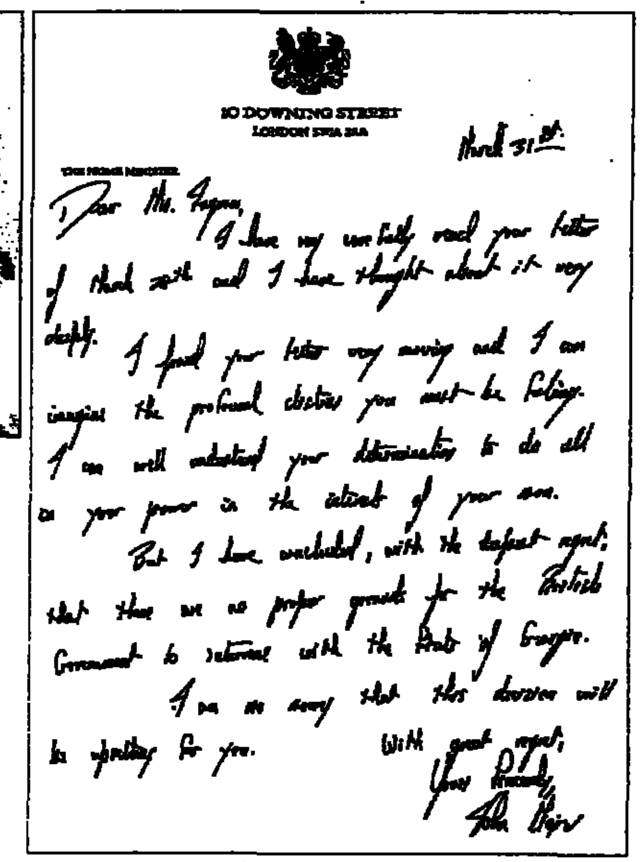

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THE PRIME MINISTER

March 31st

Dear Mrs. Ingram,

I have very carefully read your letter of March 20th and I have thought about it very deeply.

I found your letter very moving and I can imagine the profound distress you must be feeling. I can well understand your determination to do all in your power in the interests of your son.

But I have concluded, with the deepest regret, that there are no proper grounds for the British Government to intervene with the State of Georgia.

I am so sorry that this decision will be upsetting for you.

With great regret,
Yours sincerely,
John Major

John Major's letter to Mrs Ingram

Man in the News

Historian who devoted decades to Churchill

By Daniel Johnson

MARTIN GILBERT, the "court chronicler" accompanying the Prime Minister to Washington, is a one-man university. His life's work has been the official biography of Winston Churchill, which took three decades to complete. Even if that *magnum opus* were to be disregarded, Gilbert, 58, could be viewed as one of the leading historians of his generation.

A precocious undergraduate, Gilbert owed much to A.J.P. Taylor's tutorials at Magadalen College, Oxford, in the 1950s. After national service, he became a fellow of Merton College in 1962 and has remained one since. Although he has held many visiting chairs, he has never been primarily an academic historian, preferring to work from home in Oxford or north London. In 1963 he published his first (much acclaimed) book, *The Appeasers*, written jointly with Richard Gott, later of *The Guardian*.

At about this time, Gilbert became one of several research assistants to Randolph Churchill, whose official biography of his father was proceeding slowly. Gilbert tells delightful anecdotes about this period, such as the occasion when Jonathan Aitken — then an Oxford undergraduate, now Chief Secretary to the Treasury — was put forward by Randolph to be a Tory candidate after a local MP died, with the Churchill research team ordered to canvass for him. It turned out that Aitken was too young to sit as an MP; instead he became private secretary to Selwyn Lloyd.

After Randolph Churchill's premature death, Gilbert was appointed official biographer of Winston Churchill in 1968. In that year he published volume three of the life, the first to be entirely his work. Gilbert maintained an Olympian neutrality towards his subject, but his deep sympathy was evident from the first.

He quickened the pace of a project that was in danger of grinding to a halt, but it took until 1988 — by which time he had published another five volumes, together with dozens of companion volumes of documents — before the most magisterial biography of modern times was complete. Since then, he has written a short one-volume life of Churchill and rebutted attempts by *revisionist* historians to undermine Churchill's reputation.

Meanwhile, Gilbert had published several impressive works of scholarship quite apart from his best-known specialism. He is a leading authority on the Nazi extermination of the Jews: his vast work, *The Holocaust*, appeared in 1985. Since 1989, he has also published (to much acclaim) his histories of the two world wars. He has also written many works on the Middle East.

Gilbert's books have been criticised for leaving out his own voice; his defence is that he always lets the witnesses speak for themselves.

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Boy 'let off gas on bus to trap girl he raped'

By A Staff Reporter

A SCHOOLBOY launched a CS gas attack on a double-decker bus to force a 16-year-old girl into his clutches, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

The bus had to be evacuated and the 15-year-old youth marched the girl to a flat where he raped her twice in a store room, it was alleged.

Jonathan Laidlaw, for the prosecution, said that the boy launched the gas attack with the expressed purpose of forcing his victim off the bus.

The court was told that the boy, who cannot be named because of his age, had repeatedly tried to persuade the girl to go out with him after meeting her in the street. His friends had stolen her purse and told her that she would not be safe unless he escorted her. She rebuffed all his advances but he then followed the girl and her friend on to a bus as they made their way home to Blackheath, southeast London, from a party 11 months ago.

"The two girls sat away from the defendant and his two friends on top of the bus. He asked her twice if she wanted to go to a friend's house. She refused," Mr Laidlaw said, adding that the boy then gave an ominous warning: "You won't make it home. You might as well come with us." Minutes later he let off the canister near Camberwell Green, southeast London.

"CS gas is used for riot control. It has a choking effect. It causes irritation and stinging to the eyes," Mr Laidlaw said. "Everyone on the bus had to leave. The boy approached her on the street and said, 'See, I told you'. He accepted that he had deliberately gassed the bus to get her off."

The court was told that he then said to the girl: "Come with me or I will gas you in the face." He allegedly added: "You will get home safe, don't make me angry." He led her by the arm, and her friend followed with two female and three male friends of the defendant, Mr Laidlaw said.

The girl was led into a flat on an estate in West Dulwich, southeast London. The two girls were separated and the defendant pulled the schoolgirl into a storage room. "He pushed her up against a wall and began undoing the buttons of her coat. "She tried to stop him and he said, 'Don't make me mad'," Mr Laidlaw said. The court was told that the girl desperately tried to fight him off but he stripped off her boots, leggings and knickers and raped her.

The court was told that the two girls were then allowed to leave and given some money to get a taxi. "She was so shaken and frightened of the defendant that she was reluctant to go to the police," Mr Laidlaw said.

The court was told that the girl's mother alerted the authorities and the defendant was arrested four days later.

A DNA profile was taken which showed that there is a one in ten million chance that someone other than the defendant from Brixton, south London, had sex with the girl that night.

The defendant, who did not have to sit in the dock because of his youth, exercised his right of silence after his arrest. He denies two charges of rape and others of kidnap and false imprisonment.

He was accompanied by two social workers at the back of the court. Mr Laidlaw said: "He met her for the first time by chance in the street. He obviously found her attractive but she was not interested in him. "He effectively engineered a situation where he was able to abduct her and against her will rape her twice."

Describing the defendant Mr Laidlaw said: "He shows a maturity and sense of sophistication beyond his relatively tender years."

The trial continues.

Mudiame Giwa-Osagie is suing two midwives who alleged sexual harassment

Doctor accuses midwives of wrecking career

By A Staff Reporter

THE career of a Nigerian gynaecologist was "shipwrecked on the rocks by the spite and malice" of two midwives who falsely accused him of sexual harassment, the High Court was told yesterday.

Mudiame Giwa-Osagie, 41, who was training in obstetrics and gynaecology, blames a conspiracy of racial prejudice for being dumped from his job because of the "lies" of the two women. Ronald Thwaites, QC, for Dr Giwa-Osagie, said the doctor denied any misconduct and was seeking damages for libel or slander from Sally Hall and Sharron Smithson, and from Doncaster Health Authority, which suspended him from his job as an acting registrar at Doncaster Royal Infirmary in December 1990.

Mr Thwaites said that Dr Giwa-Osagie, of Walthamstow, east London, was an innocent man who had been "terribly wronged by these women". He had been unable to complete his training or get a job as a doctor because the entire medical world had closed him out, his counsel said.

"We say he has been shipwrecked on the rocks of spite and malice." Mr Thwaites added that Dr Giwa-Osagie's only crime was that "his face, his black face, no longer fitted".

In December 1990, Mrs Hall claimed, first verbally then in a written statement, that Dr Giwa-Osagie got into a lift with her when she was on night shift and asked if she was pregnant. She alleged he rubbed her stomach and then moved his hand down to her groin.

Dr Giwa-Osagie denied being in the lift with Mrs Hall, but admitted that he did remark on her size and patted her stomach to offer congratulations.

He took both Mrs Hall and the hospital authorities to an industrial tribunal on the ground of racial discrimination after he was suspended. The claim against Mrs Hall, of Doncaster, was dismissed. But in September 1992 the hospital was ordered by the Sheffield Tribunal to pay Dr Giwa-Osagie £7,500 damages.

In January 1991 the second midwife, Miss Smithson, complained that Dr Giwa-Osagie had told her she was so small he could fit her in his pocket. She claimed he took her hand and rubbed it up and down his back pocket. Dr Giwa-Osagie claims this allegation is "malicious fiction".

Mr Thwaites told Mr Justice Drake that the sexual harassment allegations had triggered a conspiracy against his client. He told the court that the health authority had now trawled the country for "tittle tattle" from previous staff, and produced supposed evidence of incidents where Dr Giwa-Osagie had sexually harassed other women.

The hearing continues.

Son tricked GP father into letting him treat patients

By Kate Alderson

A DOCTOR'S son was allowed to treat patients in the family surgery after deceiving his father that he was a gifted medical student.

Bruce Moss injected vitamins, took blood samples and removed stitches during a summer job at his father's general practice. Yesterday he admitted assaulting two female patients at the surgery in Whitehaven, Cumbria, where his father Brian had worked for more than 20 years.

Dr Moss was duped into paying grant cheques to his son, who pretended he was studying medicine at University College Hospital, London. Moss, 26, forged certificates purportedly proclaiming his medical brilliance.

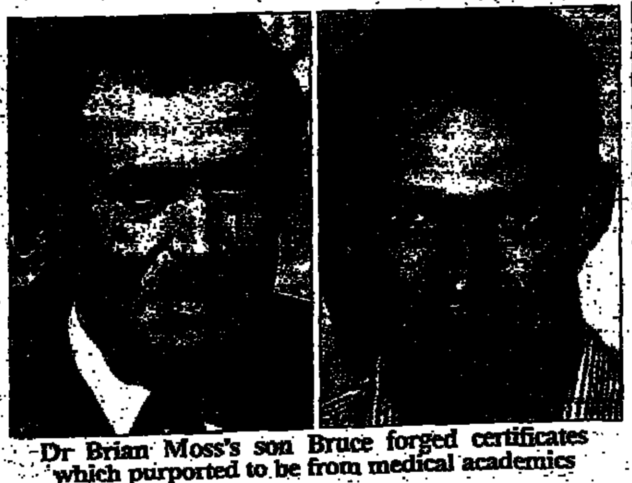
Moss arrived at his father's surgery to carry out holiday work during July 1993. Staff became suspicious of him and telephoned UCH to check his qualifications. The college told them that Moss had never been one of their students, and they alerted the police.

At Carlisle Crown Court yesterday Moss admitted four offences, including causing actual bodily harm to two patients he treated at his father's surgery. Florence Coan was injected with vitamins and Susan Hawkins had blood taken from her.

He also pleaded guilty to forging a letter from UCH in order to get a holiday job working for his father, and admitted a charge of forging a prescription. Moss was given conditional bail by Mr Justice McKinnon until next Monday when he is due to be sentenced. Pre-sentencing psychiatric reports have been requested by the defence.

A search for Moss was halted on Friday after he told a friend to tell police he was in Bolton, Greater Manchester.

Moss will be sentenced alongside his father, who was jointly charged with his son with forging a prescription form. Dr Moss also admitted attempting to prepare a £4.25 prescription in another name to avoid payment to the National Health Service.



Dr Brian Moss's son Bruce forged certificates which purported to be from medical academics

Boy of 6 left to care for his brothers

A SIX-YEAR-OLD boy left alone at home with his two younger brothers dialled 999 in panic when he woke to find that his father was not there.

The boy, who had been left for three hours with his brothers, aged three and four, while his father was in a pub, told police on the telephone: "Daddy's left us alone." Officers who went to the house in Banbury, Oxfordshire, at 1.30am on February 19 found the three pyjama-clad boys frightened and confused.

Martin Foreman, for the prosecution, told Banbury magistrates that the boys had been staying for the weekend with their 34-year-old father, who was separated from their mother. He put them in bed at 10pm and went out to a nearby pub.

He returned home in his car as police were about to take the children away, but drove off when he spotted officers outside. After a brief chase he was stopped and breathalysed, and was found to be almost three times over the legal drink-drive limit.

The father admitted three charges of wilfully abandoning a child in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health. He also admitted drink-driving.

When interviewed by police the father said that he had gone out to buy cigarettes but stayed for a drink in a pub. He claimed he normally had an au pair to look after the children, but she was also out.

Stephen Warrington, for the defence, said the man was depressed at his marriage break-up and had been made redundant four times in three years. He was taking anti-depressant tablets at the time.

The case was adjourned for reports.

Children start to develop intelligence in the womb

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

THE intellectual development of children begins in the womb, psychologists reported yesterday. By observing foetal movements and responses to sounds, they believe it may be possible to predict school performance.

Professor Peter Hepper, of Queen's University, Belfast, told the British Psychological Society's conference at Warwick that foetal intellectual development was as important as physical development.

In tests, sounds or music had been played through an earphone against the mother's abdomen. The foetus responded with movement or a change in heartbeat but as the stimulus was repeated the response ceased. Professor Hepper said the foetus was then habituated to the sound — in effect, had learnt it — and was ready to assimilate another piece of information.

Tests of this kind on newborn babies had been used to predict school performance at 11, he said. Similar tests on seven foetuses at 24 weeks' gestation, who are now between three and 18 months old, enabled psychologists to distinguish normally developing babies from those with varying degrees of mental abnormality caused by Down's syndrome.

The tests showed that the intellectual superiority of girls through early childhood is already evident in the womb. Girls were two weeks ahead of boys in their capacity to assimilate information by 24 weeks of pregnancy, Professor Hepper said.

The foetus develops taste and smell by drinking the mother's amniotic fluid. Professor Hepper said this was an important mechanism for helping the baby to recognise its mother's milk.

He said recognition that the foetus responded to stimuli would require a reassessment of the risks of pregnancy. Movement of the foetus, which is affected by the movement of the mother, is essential for it to develop its muscles, skeleton and joints. Office workers who sit for hours may have less developed babies because of their lack of exercise.

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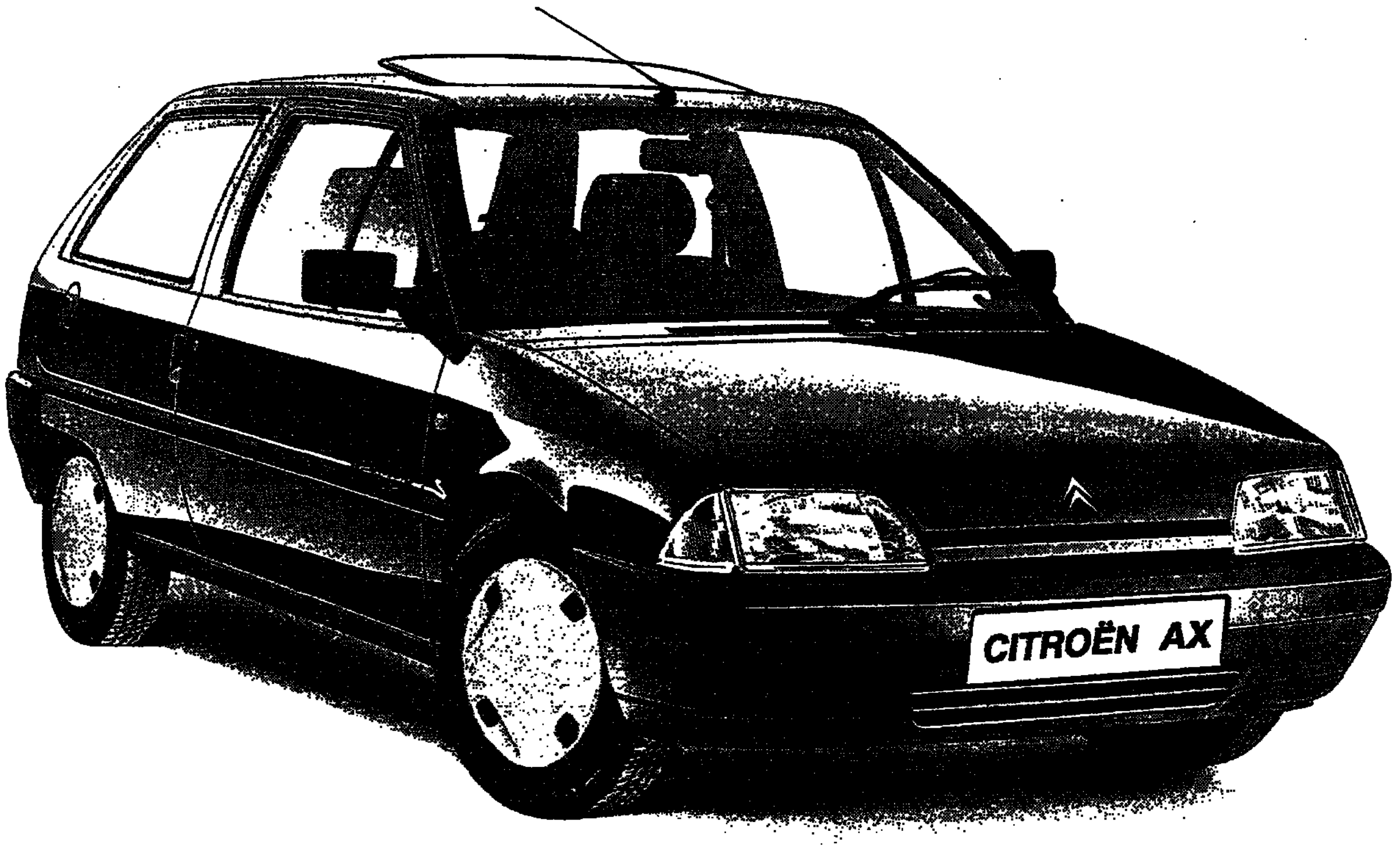

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Critics brush off actor's 'cerebrally challenged' verbal attack at Olivier awards ceremony

Thespians praise Slattery's outspoken performance

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

THE morning after the night that Tony Slattery insulted the critics, fellow thespians were awarding him medals for having said what they had only ever rehearsed in their wildest dreams. The four critics who had been the butt of the actor-comedian's attacks at the Laurence Olivier awards ceremony on Sunday were putting on a brave face and brushing off the comments.

How anyone could have used a four-letter expletive to describe one critic and another "barking bloody mad" was the talking-point of the theatre world yesterday. After bottling up years of anger, actors saw it as the critics getting a taste of their own medicine.

As one said: "Those critics have really wounded so many people. For years they have been evilly cruel."

Susan Hampshire said: "I didn't hear anyone complaining about what he said. What a brave and extraordinary thing to do. His livelihood is working in theatre and TV, yet here he was laying himself on the line and saying what he felt, perhaps jeopardising his livelihood. It was dangerous. You had to admire his panache. All our livelihoods are in the hands of these critics." She said that critics were extremely sensitive. "If they ever have some criticism they always have a letter published the next day." She said, however, that the four-letter word that had "everyone falling out of their chair" at the ceremony was over the top.

Sheila Gish applauded Slattery's performance: "I love Tony Slattery. I've seldom laughed so much. He certainly got a lot of sympathy. I think every actor feels helpless in the teeth of critics. You can never answer back, should you want to. So when someone does it for you . . ." She said they "clutched each other and screamed" as Slattery spoke. She lamented the absence of a critic such as Kenneth Tynan. Some of today's critics "sometimes write as if something's the God-given truth rather than their opinion. As an actor, you have to be terribly sanguine about them."

Slattery was unrepentant: "I was joking, to get a laugh straight away. But I believe everything I said." He spoke of his distaste for critics who leave before the end of a play. Nicholas de Jongh, of the *Evening Standard*, whom Slattery described with the four-letter word, said: "I've no objection to Tony Slattery trying to slag me off. The critics dish it out, so if actors want to say something . . . But it was a little cerebrally challenged. I've never even spoken to him. I'm not hurt, not even remotely. He's perhaps exceptionally sensitive. I don't remember my review of his performance in *Radio Times* being extreme, or *Neville's Island*.

"I look on these things neutrally. Berkoff once threatened to kill me ten years ago face to face. That didn't affect my view of Berkoff. Now I'm very good friends. It's a difficult job being an actor. You need nerves of steel. It's a precarious life. Some of them get emotional."

Maureen Paton, of the *Daily Express*, whom Slattery said was more likely to be found in a pub than the theatre, said she had never met him before that night.

"I made a point of introducing myself afterwards," she said. "We got on very well. I think he just plucked names at random. He didn't seem to be embarrassed. He seemed to have forgotten what he had said. So I was happy to forget it." Recalling reviews of Slattery's work, she said her review of *Radio Times* noted: "I grieve for the actors." Slattery was the lead actor.

In spite of her surprise, she insisted that the comments would not colour her next review. "You'd be quickly found out if you made it a personal vendetta," she said.

Peter Hepple, consultant editor of *The Stage* and secretary of the Critics' Circle, said that the attack on Paton was quite slanderous, and those on the other critics were "jokes in bad taste — a startling way to start off the evening, even though they got a big laugh." But, he added: "I can't imagine the Critics' Circle making official representations. That is almost beneath us."

Tony Slattery, left, was loudly applauded by the actresses Susan Hampshire and Sheila Gish for his robust abuse of critics including Nicholas de Jongh

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Head appoints counsellor to help pupils with stress

By Kate Alderson

AN INNER-CITY school has appointed a counsellor to help pupils, some as young as 11, cope with stress and depression.

Pupils at Stretford High School, Manchester, will be offered counselling on subjects ranging from bullying and drugs to family problems and overwork in what is believed to be the first full-time programme in the country. Teachers at the mixed comprehensive school have long dealt with pupils' problems but determined there was a growing need for professional counselling. Jan Atkinson, the headmistress of the 700-pupil school, said that teachers did not necessarily have the specialist skills to deal with children's problems, which they may not fully understand.

"Pupils are not just suffering from the stress of completing coursework and exams while in the classroom," Mrs Atkinson said. "They may suffer bullying in the playground, taunts from their peer group. Outside school they may find themselves caught up in the drug culture, which affects schoolchildren everywhere, and may also have severe problems at home with their families."

The early decisions that children must make about their careers and jobs, the competitive workplace and the pressure to succeed, had all conspired to increase anxiety levels, she said. "Teachers and other professionals have begun to recognise that the problems facing children in and out of school have to be confronted and dealt with," she added.

Pupils' families and teachers will be encouraged to use the counselling service, which is free and will cost the school £16,000 a year. Many other schools had asked if they could use the counsellor's services on a part-time basis, the headmistress said.

The school's plans were announced a week after the *Melody Maker* pop music paper disclosed that it was inundated with letters from depressed teenagers. The letters appear prompted by the loss of Kurt Cobain of the group Nirvana, who shot himself last year, and Richey James of the Manic Street Preachers, who has disappeared. In letters to the paper, many young readers have spoken of their problems with anorexia and depression, self-mutilation or feelings of self-loathing. Editorial staff were so overwhelmed with such letters that they have been putting readers in touch with the Samaritans.

Mrs Atkinson said her school's counselling programme had not been established in response to clinical depression but to deal with the general stress of daily life.

Richard Palframan, regional secretary for the National Union of Teachers in the North West, said that the union would monitor the success of the scheme. "While there are no hard and fast figures on stress and depression suffered by pupils, the anecdotal evidence I have from members is that it is increasing."

'Failing' school wins reprieve

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

THE first state school identified as having failed under the new inspection regime escaped the threat of a takeover by a government team yesterday. Brookside special school in Derby was judged by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) to have made substantial progress since a damning inspectors' report 16 months ago.

The verdict came as Conservative backbenchers expressed impatience at the apparent reluctance of Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, to send in "hit squads" to bad schools. Mrs Shephard has yet to use powers under the 1993 Education Act to send teams of experienced head teachers and businessmen into schools judged to be failing their pupils.

Instead, the 38 schools so far identified as inadequate have been left to implement plans drawn up with their local education authority, subject to Ofsted monitoring.

When the legislation came into force 18 months ago, ministers said they would not hesitate to order education associations to take over some of the worst schools. Eric Forth, the Education Minister, said at the time: "There may be cases where we will say 'we will give you a year' but when a school is a complete shambles that would be almost defeating the purpose of the exercise."

However, Ofsted disclosed last week that department officials are setting a target of two years for most schools to show an improvement.

CORRECTIONS

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Pay-by-the-day plan to raise £20m for civil courts

Lord Mackay: hearing fee

■ The Law Society fears that proposals to make the civil courts self-financing, by replacing the one-off fee, may adversely affect access to justice. Frances Gibb reports

PEOPLE using the civil courts will face huge fee rises in the next few months to raise an extra £20 million towards running the courts service, including the cost of the judges. The financial target, to be raised by a new "pay by the day" or hearing fee instead of the present one-off fee for issuing proceedings, was announced at the launch of the courts in England and Wales as an executive agency yesterday.

New fee levels, which could be as much as £500 a day for the High Court and £200 a day in the county court, will probably be announced next month when Lord Woolf, the law lord, publishes his report into civil justice.

The higher fees are part of the Government's policy to make the civil courts self-financing and to reduce the costs that fall on the taxpayer. At the same time, the number of judges in the civil courts are expected to rise by 76 from 1993-94 to 1997-98. The number of High Court judges will remain at 95 but the number of circuit judges will increase from 509 to 545 and district judges from 289 to 329.

Yesterday Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said he was keen to "introduce a daily hearing fee where courts are being used for long trial periods". However, he dismissed suggestions that the courts were being run as a business. There was "no question whatever" of that, Lord Mackay said.

He said that the policy of recovering the costs of the civil courts from litigants had "long been the policy of successive governments" and he believed it right in principle. Lord Mackay added that where there was a subsidy of the courts system by the taxpayer, it was right this should be identified so that taxpayers could consider "whether that is a reasonable subsidy for them to bear" and whether it is "wise and necessary." The new fee charges will tie in closely with Lord Woolf's proposals for speeding up civil justice, including a fast-track system for simpler cases where there is a cap on the amount of legal costs the parties can recover.

In particular, there are likely to be scales of fees for court actions, with companies and large corporate court users being charged more than individual litigants; and longer cases which run to more than a set period of time incurring much bigger hearing fees than short cases.

Yesterday Michael Huebner, chief executive of the new agency, which is called the Court Service, said that no decisions had been taken about the level of fees although this coming financial year the target was to recover 75 per cent of the costs of running the courts. The agency's budget for 1995-96 is £627 million.

Mr Huebner said it was a question of getting the right balance so that people were not deterred from using the courts. The aim was to move towards recovering the full costs of the civil courts, including the judges, from fees charged to litigants. This financial year the target was to raise £20 million but that would still leave a £30 million to £40 million shortfall, which is subsidised by the taxpayer.

Mr Huebner said that apart from moving to "full costs recovery" in the civil courts, the other challenge was to improve standards in the courts service.

The Law Society yesterday said that economy was the driving force behind the agenda of the Court Service and that Treasury requirements might "take priority over access to, and quality of, justice". It welcomed the aims of improving standards to the public and cutting waiting times for hearings and trials.

The society said that this year court fees would cover 75 per cent of costs compared with 60 per cent last year. Staff would also be cut by 10 per cent over two years.

Philip Sycamore, chairman of the civil litigation committee, said: "If the effect of the agency is to make the court service more efficient and businesslike, that is a good thing. I remain concerned that the pressure to be self-financing through increased court fees may adversely affect access to justice."

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Oriana's owners lament decline of a great tradition as German-built liner arrives

Pride of the fleet thumbs her nose at Britain's shipyards

By Edward Gorman and Joe Joseph

AS P&O's sleek new cruise liner *Oriana* glided into Southampton yesterday, she seemed almost to be thumbing her nose at Britain's rusty shipyards. A military band struck up "Rule, Britannia!": given the German-built ship's breathtaking statistics, a melody based on *Vorsprung durch Technik* might have been more suitable.

"Of course we have regrets that it's not British-built," sighed Lord Sterling of Plaistow, the chairman of P&O. "Nothing would have given me and this company greater pleasure than to have taken delivery of this ship from Scotland or Tyneside. But I am afraid the capability of building ships of this kind went out here 20 years ago."

Commodore Ian Gibb

The new flagship of the British passenger fleet comes bedecked with superlatives. With a gross tonnage of 69,000 tons, the *Oriana* just exceeds in size the *QE2*, at 65,863 tons, and so becomes Britain's largest passenger ship.

She may not be the largest ship to fly the Red Duster (the old *Queen Elizabeth* was that) or the fastest cruise liner (she is left behind by the *QE2* and the *Canberra*) but she leaves nothing to the imagination. She cost £200 million, and with a cruising speed of 25 knots, is the fastest liner built in the past 25 years, P&O says.

She is powered by four diesel engines developing a total of 78,000 brake horsepower, driving two huge nickel aluminium bronze propellers, each 19ft in diameter. The engines consume about 88.9 gallons of fuel an hour.

About 15,000 tons of steel were used in her construction. She is 853ft long, 106ft wide and has a draft of 26ft. She has two underwater stabilisers, like submerged aircraft wings, which are 21 square feet in area, the largest fitted to a cruise ship.

She will carry up to 1,975 passengers on ten passenger decks in 914 cabins, 118 of them with private balconies — a first for a British cruise ship. There are eight suites, 16 deluxe staterooms and eight cabins designed for the disabled. The *Canberra* can carry 1,702 cruising passengers, about the same as the *QE2*.

The ship has three dance floors, a cinema, a casino, a disco, and a 664-seat theatre, complete with orchestra pit and revolving stage and a permanent company of actors. There are three swimming pools, including the biggest in the world on a cruising ship measuring 12.8 by 5.6 metres, three jacuzzis and a health centre. There are two and a half acres of deck space and 26 miles of carpet.

The *Oriana* will carry 760 crew. Her British officers are led by Captain Ian Gibb, who joined P&O as a cadet in 1954 and is now Commodore of the P&O fleet. The crew includes 412 Indian staff.

Oriana has six lounges, nine bars and three restaurants. There are 3,000 works of art on the ship, most of them specially commissioned, and the restaurants are supplied with 86,546 pieces of Wedgwood china. On a typical 14-day cruise, passengers and crew will eat about 116,550 main meals. On the shopping list will be 14.4 tons of meat, 3.6 tons of fish, 28 tons of fresh fruit and vegetables, 1.9 tons of sugar, and 2,775 gallons of milk and cream.

Passengers will be able to drink their way through 2,600 bottles of wine, 1,200 bottles of gin, rum and vodka, 33,000 bottles and cans of beer, 400 bottles of cognac and 1,600 bottles of whisky.

The most expensive cruise is a deluxe round-the- world voyage in 90 days for £35,280, the cheapest £575 for nine nights in Norway in May.

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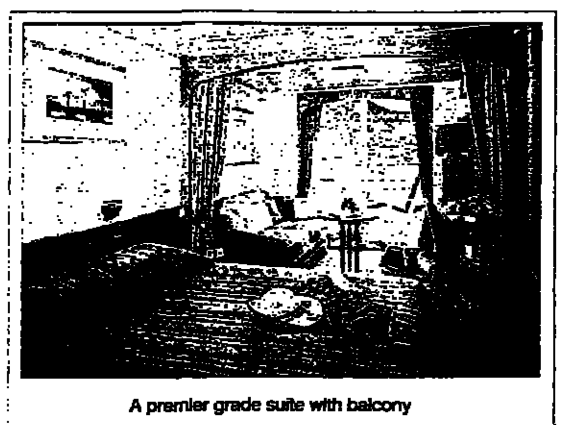

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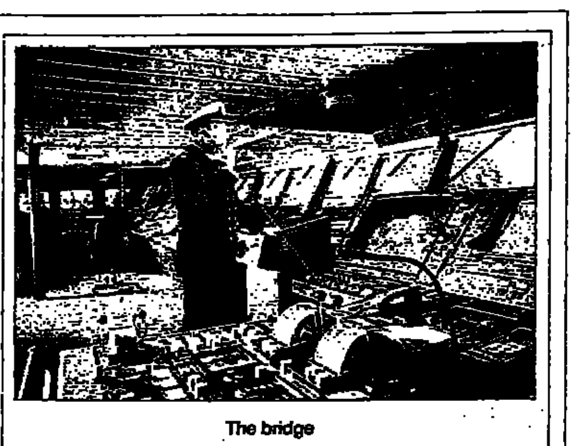

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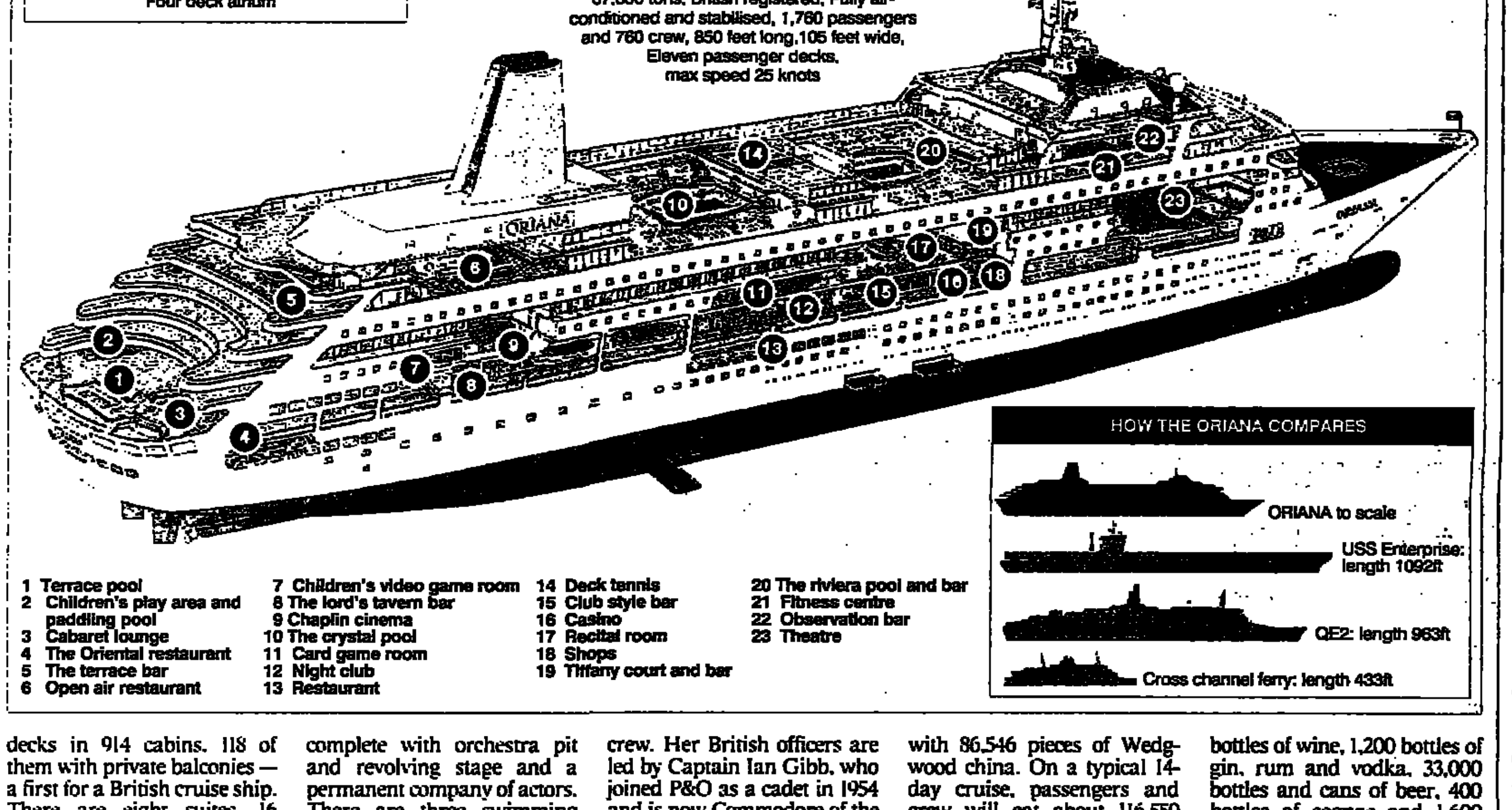

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10 The crystal pool
11 Card game room
12 Night club
13 Restaurant
14 Deck tennis
15 Club style bar
16 Casino
17 Recital room
18 Shops
19 Tiffany court and bar
20 The riviera pool and bar
21 Fitness centre
22 Observation bar
23 Theatre

Cantona signs on to serve sentence

Eric Cantona, the Manchester United footballer, visited a Manchester probation office yesterday to sign up for his 120 hours of community service and be assessed on how he will spend his sentence. One Manchester project leader said she had already been approached about harnessing Cantona's talents. Caroline Leadson, who runs 14 football teams involving 500 children from deprived areas, said: "We would welcome his attendance." Last week Cantona won his appeal at Croydon Crown Court against a two-week prison sentence for assaulting a spectator.

Blandford bailed

The Marquess of Blandford was remanded on bail into the care of a private clinic after he appeared in court charged with forging prescriptions, stealing Class C drugs and failing to pay a taxi fare. The Marquess, 39, of Chelsea, who gave his occupation as a farmer, will appear again before Horseferry Road magistrates next Monday.

Bread rises

Britain's two biggest bread manufacturers have increased their recommended prices for the first time in three years, raising the cost of a mass-produced loaf by up to 4p to between 75p and 79p. However, Allied Bakeries and British Bakeries conceded that till prices were a matter for retailers. Some big stores sell bread for as little as 19p.

Lamppost check

Two thousand lampposts in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, are being checked after one crushed to death a 39-year-old motorist in his van and another narrowly missed motorway traffic after falling from a bridge over the A1(M) at Dunston. Council officials are examining possible corrosion of the metal lampposts by road salt.

Victims of chance

A cluster of malformed babies born over a four-month period last year were victims of chance, not chemical contamination, a report says. Five babies were born in Grimsby with deformed or missing limbs. Some parents blamed dioxins from British Steel's plant in Scunthorpe, 30 miles away, but the report discounts the theory.

Tennis racket

The promoters of the Wimbledon tennis tournament issued a warning to companies to beware of invalid corporate tickets. Any holder of a ticket sold by an unauthorised trader would be refused entry, the club said. In past years companies have spent thousands of pounds on invalid tickets bought on the black market.

Graveside death

A woman has been found dead at the grave of her baby girl who was stillborn nine weeks ago. Cheryl Brown, 26, was found at Heworth Cemetery, Gateshead, on Friday. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances. A post-mortem examination was held and results of a toxicology report are due in several weeks.

Pastie swoop

Police in Gwent used a helicopter to chase four teenagers suspected of stealing a 69p meat pastie from a shop in Newport. Three were arrested as they tried to hide in a field. The fourth escaped. Superintendent Jeff Rodway defended the £600-an-hour operation: "It wouldn't have mattered if they had stolen a Polo mint."

British Psychological Society conference

Patient's sex is no barrier against seduction on the therapist's couch

By Jeremy Laurance, health services correspondent

THE stereotype of a middle-aged male therapist seducing his young female patients is misleading, psychologists reported yesterday.

One in 25 therapists admits to having had a sexual relationship with a patient but a third of the therapists are women. Professional organisations forbid such relationships and therapists who transgress face being struck off.

Results from a national survey of 581 clinical psychologists who returned an anonymous questionnaire found that 20 confessed to having been sexually involved with their clients, five with clients of their own sex. Eight therapists said they had had only a single sexual encounter with the client, but four had continued the relationship for more than five years and some had married.

However, in two thirds of the cases sexual involvement began only after the patient had been discharged by the therapist. In some cases the therapists discharged patients so they could be free to have sex with them.

Tanya Garrett, clinical psychologist at Walsall Community Health Trust, who presented the results to the conference, said: "In the overwhelming majority of cases it is very damaging to the patients and has led to suicides.

"Being in a position of power a therapist can influence a person to do things they might not otherwise do. They are the ones with all the knowledge about the patient's difficulties. They are exploiting a position of trust."

Miss Garrett said: "Psychologists need training in how to deal with cases where patients are sexually attracted to them or vice versa. If a patient makes advances the therapist should not act on them but should discuss them within the context of the professional relationship." Last year there were 100 allegations of sexual impropriety against therapists, according to the British Psychological Society.

Since 1989, 18 therapists have faced disciplinary charges relating to having had sex with patients. Seven of those accused were struck off and five had other action taken against them. Two cases were unproven and four are still under investigation.

In some states in America, professional rules forbid therapists from ever entering relationships with a former patient, but others insist on there being a cooling-off period of two years.

Parent power leads to expulsions

By Jeremy Laurance

DEMANDS from parents for tighter discipline in schools have led to a sharp increase in the number of pupils expelled.

Up to 10,000 difficult children a year are ejected as schools polish their images to attract pupils. A study of 105 schools in Essex shows the number of pupils permanently excluded doubled between 1992-93 and 1993-94 from 111 to 223.

Despite the rise, there was no evidence that children had become more disruptive. Andre Imich, education psychologist with Essex education authority, said the reason for the increase was parental pressure. "It is a stressful time for schools. They are under pressure to attract children — customers — and demonstrating that they have a strong disciplinary system can be a powerful attraction for parents," he said.

The results, presented to the annual conference of the British Psychological Society at the University of Warwick, show children have a 1 in 500 chance of being expelled. Provisional figures for Essex showed a further 40 per cent rise in expulsions since Education Department guidelines intended to reverse the trend took effect.

The expelled children were not evenly distributed across all 105 schools. One quarter of the schools were responsible for three quarters of the expulsions. Two thirds of the children were excluded for being constantly disruptive or displaying unacceptable behaviour.

A school's tendency to exclude pupils was not related to social deprivation but it was connected to the way the school dealt with problem children. Schools with a strong pastoral system in which teachers were involved in managing disruptive behaviour excluded fewer pupils than those in which the problems were passed up to the head teacher.

Mr Imich said expulsion meant broken friendships, lower self-esteem and poorer educational performance. When the pupils go to a new school they are regarded as naughty children whom the others look to for trouble, establishing a cycle of disruptive behaviour, he said.

Accidents on roads cost £8bn a year

By Jonathan Prynn

ROAD accidents cost the British taxpayer more than £8 billion a year, enough to build the Channel Tunnel rail link three times over or fund 50 by-passes, according to RAC figures.

The total, which includes the cost of emergency service call-outs, hospital and health care for victims and damage to roads, exceeds the entire £6 billion annual budget of the Department of Transport. It is also six times bigger than the Government's £1.3 billion roads programme.

If the annual £5 billion insurance bill for accident repairs is also taken into account the figure rises to more than £13 billion or about 2 per cent of the gross national product.

While road deaths fell last year to a 69-year low of 3,651, the total number of injuries through accidents has been rising steadily, particularly for pedestrians, cyclists and children. The total number of people injured on the roads was 316,709.

The highest accident rate is in Greater London, with 5.8 injuries for every 1,000 people. The lowest is Mid Glamorgan with just under three per 1,000.

The RAC survey also found that more than 70 per cent of drivers have had an accident while behind the wheel.

Carey calls for revival of moral responsibility

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

PEOPLE must be held responsible for their actions and their wrongdoings should be punished, the Archbishop of Canterbury says today.

Dr George Carey, appealing for society to embrace "the biblical concept of justice", says the trend towards a more lawless, amoral society can be reversed, but "with God's help". He gives a warning that secularisation will result in more lawlessness, in a "jungle of moral relativism", and says his most important task is to bring people back to a faith in a loving God.

Dr Carey, writing in April's *Policing Today*, the official journal of the Association of Chief Police Officers of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, says that it becomes clear that "civilisation itself is under threat" once confidence in the trustworthiness of those who maintain law and order disappears. He says parents need more encouragement to make moral discipline part of their children's framework of growing up.

Dr Carey, the first clergyman to contribute to *Policing Today*, says: "If we lose the trust of those whom we serve, our authority is grievously undermined. This I realise applies as much to the Church as to any other institution." Speaking generally, the Archbishop continues: "When a clergyman fails to live up to the standards of his ordination, the whole Church is damaged. This also applies to the police service."

Dr Carey says that a good society will encourage everyone to do what is good and right. He says: "People must be held responsible for their actions.

"Wrongdoing needs to be named, acknowledged, appropriately punished and atoned for, not swept under the carpet and forgotten. That is part of the biblical concept of justice. Mercy may temper it but not replace it."

He says the police and Church attempt to do their work in the face of increasing criticism and scepticism. "Both police and clergy are often left to pick up the pieces caused by wider social failures — and are both often blamed for them."

To build a responsible society, there had to be individual moral responsibility, but injustice and abuses of power in society also had to be eliminated. Linking crime to social deprivation and poverty, the Archbishop argues that every policeman knows the truth of the saying: "The devil finds work for idle hands to do."

Dr Carey says: "The way in which a block of flats, for example, is designed can make a big difference to the amount of vandalism, mugging and other crimes likely to take place there."

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Superbug in danger of winning war with hospital drugs

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

A BACTERIUM resistant to all antibiotics could soon emerge in hospital wards, a specialist said yesterday.

The "superbug" of the next few years could be *Staphylococcus aureus*, a meeting of the Society for General Microbiology was told. Hospitals are already under severe pressure from a strain of the bacterium known as MRSA — methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. About 130 hospitals have reported problems this year, and last year at least 60 people died in West Midlands hospitals after infection with MRSA.

Until now, infections caused by MRSA, such as pneumonia and septicaemia, have been treated with another antibiotic, vancomycin. But Professor Hans Zaehner told the meeting at Bath University that some strains had developed resistance to this drug.

Specialists have long dreaded the appearance of a vancomycin-resistant strain, which would leave them helpless to treat patients. The fact that such strains had been reported meant, he said, that "it should only be a matter of time before multiple resistance develops".

Staphylococcus aureus

Some common bacteria contain up to ten genes conferring antibiotic resistance, he said. There are 150 antibiotics but they attack a limited number of sites on bacteria, so that resistance to one means resistance to many.

The massive spread of resistant strains could be prevented if there were new antibiotics reaching different targets every eight to ten years, but this was not the case, Professor Zaehner, of the University of Tubingen, Germany, said. "We are further away from mastering infectious diseases than we were 25 years ago," he said. "Programmes on controlling tuberculosis and malaria have been broken off rashly. Infectious disease wards have been reduced. And the time allotted to infectious diseases in medical training has been reduced to an unacceptable degree."

He called for a more adventurous research policy. This should include re-examining older products and widening the spectrum of antibiotics that had never been used clinically because their activity was believed to be too limited. Genetic engineering should be used to create "hybrid antibiotics". But even if all these things were done, he doubted that doctors could control infections "if we continue to use antibiotics as we have in the past".

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JOHN RUSH

Susan Christie in Belfast city centre recently where she is allowed to do office work before her release

Parents condemn day-release for daughter's killer

By Nicholas Watt, Ireland Correspondent

THE parents of Penny McAllister, who was lured to a forest where her husband's lover cut her throat, have condemned the decision to release Susan Christie, their daughter's killer, on a day-work scheme less than three years after she was convicted.

Desmond and Norma Squire said they felt society had let them down after it was disclosed that Christie, 26, was working five days a week in Belfast as she prepared for her release from prison in September.

Christie, a former Greenfinch in the Ulster Defence Regiment, was sentenced at Downpatrick Crown Court in June 1992 to five years' imprisonment. She was convicted of the manslaughter of Penny McAllister on the ground of diminished responsibility. Christie's sentence was later increased to nine years by the Court of Appeal.

She travels every weekday from Maghaberry Prison, Co Down, to an office job in the centre of Belfast. Before she began her job earlier this year Christie's probation officer took her to a shopping centre in Belfast to buy clothes with an allowance from the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

The Squires said Christie's partial release had revived painful memories. Christie, of Lisburn, Co Antrim, lured Mrs McAllister to a Co Down forest in March 1991 where she cut her throat with a sharpened paring knife after her lover of eight months, Duncan McAllister, a Royal Signals captain, said he would never divorce his wife.

Mr Squire, a former headmaster, said: "Whatever the prison authorities allow Susan Christie to do over there would not surprise us. She has served a period in prison which we think was just not long enough. We have always said the sentence was wrong."

Alan Shannon, chief executive of the Northern Ireland Prison Service, denied that Christie was given preferential treatment. The scheme was designed to ensure that inmates did not reoffend by helping them to find a job.

Baby girl's abductor still awaits treatment

JULIE KELLEY, the woman who abducted a newborn baby from a Nottingham hospital last year, has received no psychiatric treatment despite it being a condition of her three-year probationary sentence (Richard Ford writes).

Julie Kelley, 22, who snatched four-hour-old Abbie Humphries from Queen's Medical Centre while dressed as a nurse, has not been treated since being sentenced by Nottingham Crown Court in December because of the birth of her own baby in the new year and a delay in finding a hospital bed. She is due to enter a psychiatric hospital this month for a year's treatment.

Michael Morris, her solicitor, said yesterday that it was made clear when Kelley was sentenced that she would not enter hospital immediately because she was pregnant. It was not stated in court when her treatment should start.

He said administrative difficulties, including the funding of her treatment and the availability of a bed, had added to the delay.

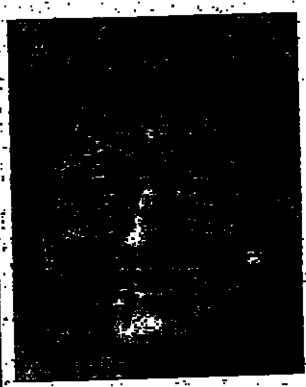
Camelot criticised on naming of winner

By Andrew Pierce

THE Press Complaints Commission has criticised Camelot, the National Lottery operator, over the identification of the £18 million winner.

The commission today rejected complaints against the newspapers that named him in December but issued guidelines to prevent a repetition. They say the size of the prize alone does not justify naming winners who request no publicity, and condemn rewards for information about a winner and press "harassment".

The commission said the press could not be made a "scapegoat" for the identification of winners regardless of what Camelot and winners did. Problems had arisen from the first test of Camelot's privacy arrangements. "In view of the confusion, the commission has decided not to censure any particular newspaper." Camelot disclosed the area the man lived in, the size of his family, that he worked in a factory, the newspapers he read, and that he had satellite television.



Brookes: supreme

TV chef cooks up a winner

SUSAN BROOKES, who presents daily recipes on Granada Television's *This Morning*, won first prize yesterday in an international contest for television cooks. She beat 41 cooks from 32 countries at the first International Festival of Television and Gastronomy, held in the Normandy seaside resort of Deauville.

While most rivals presented versions of their national dishes, her prize-winning recipe was for chicken supreme with cider and apples. She used British, not Norman, ingredients.

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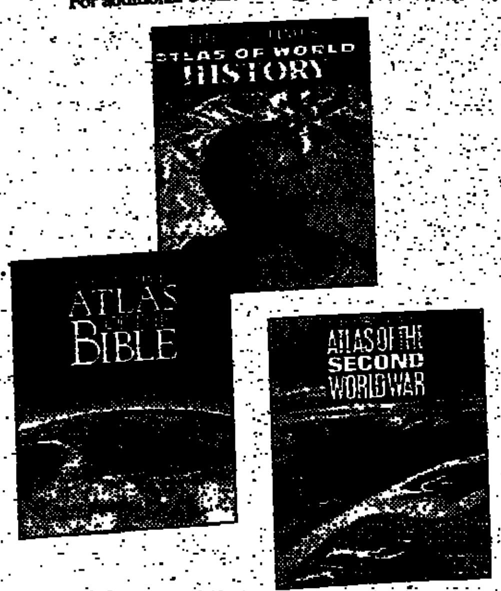

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British Gas

Panorama interview reveals Prime Minister's growing scepticism about single currency

Britain's independence comes first, says Major

By Nicholas Wood, chief political correspondent

THE Government would reject a single currency if it threatened Britain's standing as an independent nation state, John Major said last night, signalling his deepening scepticism about economic and monetary union.

"If I had to choose . . . If I thought it would damage the nation state I would choose the nation state. That is the position of the Conservative Party . . .

"If anything were to damage the nation state, it would not be for this country. We would not do anything that would damage the nation state."

The Prime Minister's comments came in his BBC Panorama interview as he was pressed by David Dimbleby to say whether he agreed with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that a single currency would not lead to political union. Sidestepping the direct question, Mr Major defended his decision to keep open the option of Britain joining a single currency towards the end of the century. He said that it was impossible to know what the circumstances might be around 1999 — the earliest practical starting date.

The critical question of whether a single currency would destroy Britain as a nation state hinged on what control the country would have over it. "How is the single currency going to be controlled? What is the input of the British Parliament? To what extent is money policy going to be held abroad? There are a whole range of *questions. As yet we don't* have the answer to those questions, so one can form a judgment on suppositions, but we don't know the answers yet . . .

"No one has ever said that we can give a guarantee there will never be a single currency . . . We have said we will look at what is in the British national interest, if and when the circumstance arises, and we will make a judgment then and, at that stage, we will also consider whether it might be appropriate to have a referendum."

EXECUTIVE PAY

Mr Major said that people had been against the windfall gains received by the directors of privatised utilities. "Now that's happened — the horse has got out of that particular stable. But I think we need to look at it for the future."

He went on: "It is the *business of the shareholders* and what I think well may happenb at the end of the day us thgat we will actually look at shareholders' powers. I think that may well be one of the things that comes out of the Greenbury Committee." The till that the directors had helped themselves out of was the shareholders' till. It would not make a halfpenny of difference to the public. He made plain that the Government would learn from what had happened in the utilities as it proceeded with rail privatisation.

FEEL-GOOD FACTOR

Mr Major said the growth of the last year produced a "feel-good" factor for the 600,000 unemployed who found jobs. "What has not happened yet is that people are not feeling the fruits of growth back in their incomes."

Nothing, he said, would do *more good for the* "feel-good" factor than Britain beginning to outperform many of its rivals. Putting Britain in a position to compete and win up to the millennium and beyond had some uncomfortable side-effects . . . The old "feel-good" factor was based on lots more money in people's pockets, often more than was *good for the economy,* and house prices soaring way above the rate of inflation. "Those things often did create an artifical feel-good factor but it was often the prelude to one hell of a hangover the next day." The next time it would not have that old artificial feeling.

Challenged about his poor *standing in the opinion polls,* he said: "I expect to stay here leading the Conservative Party right up to the election and through the election and I expect that we will win that election."

He said that the present growth was "not just a casual recovery" and that his economic policies were designed *for the long term.* "Now I could have sought from time to time fairly cheap and populist measures. I could have put aside decisions that needed to be taken in order to remain popular. But I chose not to do that.

"If I were popular today, I would not have done what I should have done over the last three years. I'll let people judge me at the general election."

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Asked about the ministers who have resigned in recent years, Mr Major said: "I know the people concerned. I see a more rounded picture of them than the rather bowdlerised version thAt so often appeared when they ran into difficulties.

"Now we are not a court of morals. I expect people to have high public standards and I can understand that people are upset by some of the behaviour they saw. That is not typical of politicans. It is not typical of the Conservative Party or Government.

Asked whether any member of the Government who committed adultery should resign, Mr Major said: "I expect members of the Government to behave themselves but I am not making a generalisation."

John Major in his television interview with Jonathan Dimbleby last night

> ❛ We would not do anything to *damage the* nation state ❜

American workfare under scrutiny

By Arthur Leathley
Political correspondent

A COMMONS investigation of American workfare next week is likely to inflame the debate over prospects for a similar scheme in Britain.

A team of MPs will travel to America next weekend to study the effects of workfare, in which unemployed people have to work for state benefits. Right-wing ministers are keen to adopt the idea.

The visit to New York, Washington and New Jersey by the Commons Employment Select Committee is expected to lead to a showdown between the MPs and Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, who is a leading supporter of workfare.

However, Labour committee members believe that pilot schemes being considered by Mr Portillo and Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, are very different from those run in America. They fear that the planned British version would be a negative system without the job guarantees made in America.

The 11-strong committee, led by Greville Janner, its Labour chairman, will visit schemes in New Jersey and will meet leading welfare experts and politicians in Washington.

Mr Lilley is understood to be keen to extend the trial schemes operated in Norfolk. When he gave evidence to the committee in January, however, he was reluctant to spell out his plans and warned MPs that the costs of a national progamme might be prohibitive. Pilot schemes in areas in selected areas of unemployment are another option.

Mr Portillo, who is expected to be directly responsible, will be pressed to outline his proposals when he gives evidence to the committee, probably next month.

MPs told of MoD 'sting' theory

By Nigel Williamson,
Whitehall correspondent

GORDON FOXLEY, the former Ministry of Defence official convicted of a £1.3 million fraud, was probably involved in a "sting" from which the companies that bribed him received no benefit, MPs were told yesterday.

Foxley was convicted in 1993 on 12 counts of receiving corrupt payments from three companies: Gebruder Junghans of Germany, Fratelli Borletti of Italy and Raufoss of Norway.

***But Dr Malcolm McIntosh, chief of procurement* in the MoD, told the Public Accounts Committee that there was no evidence that Foxley had been able to influence contracts in the companies' favour. Foxley was probably involved "in one of the biggest stings we have seen in some time", he said.**

As a result of the Foxley case, and 190 other cases of alleged procurement fraud over the past ten years, many *MoD* officials had been moved to other duties. These included most officials with power and influence over contracts who had held the same job for more than five years.

Dr McIntosh admitted that *the Foxley fraud should have* been detected earlier. It had been known at an early stage that Foxley was living well beyond the salary of an official at his level, but little suspicion was aroused because his wife was thought to have independent means.

MoD officials were still pursuing the case but had been unable to gain access to some of the Swiss bank accounts that Foxley used. Dr McIntosh said that the true extent of the fraud might never be known.

Ministers praised for pools boost

By Alice Thomson, political reporter

THE Government's belated decision to cut pools betting duty was welcomed in the Commons last night as a critical boost for an industry hit badly by the National Lottery.

From next month pools companies will have their tax cut from 37.5 per cent to 32.5 per cent — worth about £30 million in 1995-96. The changes have been made in the Finance Bill, which enacts last November's Budget.

David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster General, said that he had been lobbied extensively by the pools companies, which were floundering because of the new competition. The cuts would *enable them to continue* contributing to the Football Trust, which supports improvements to grounds, and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

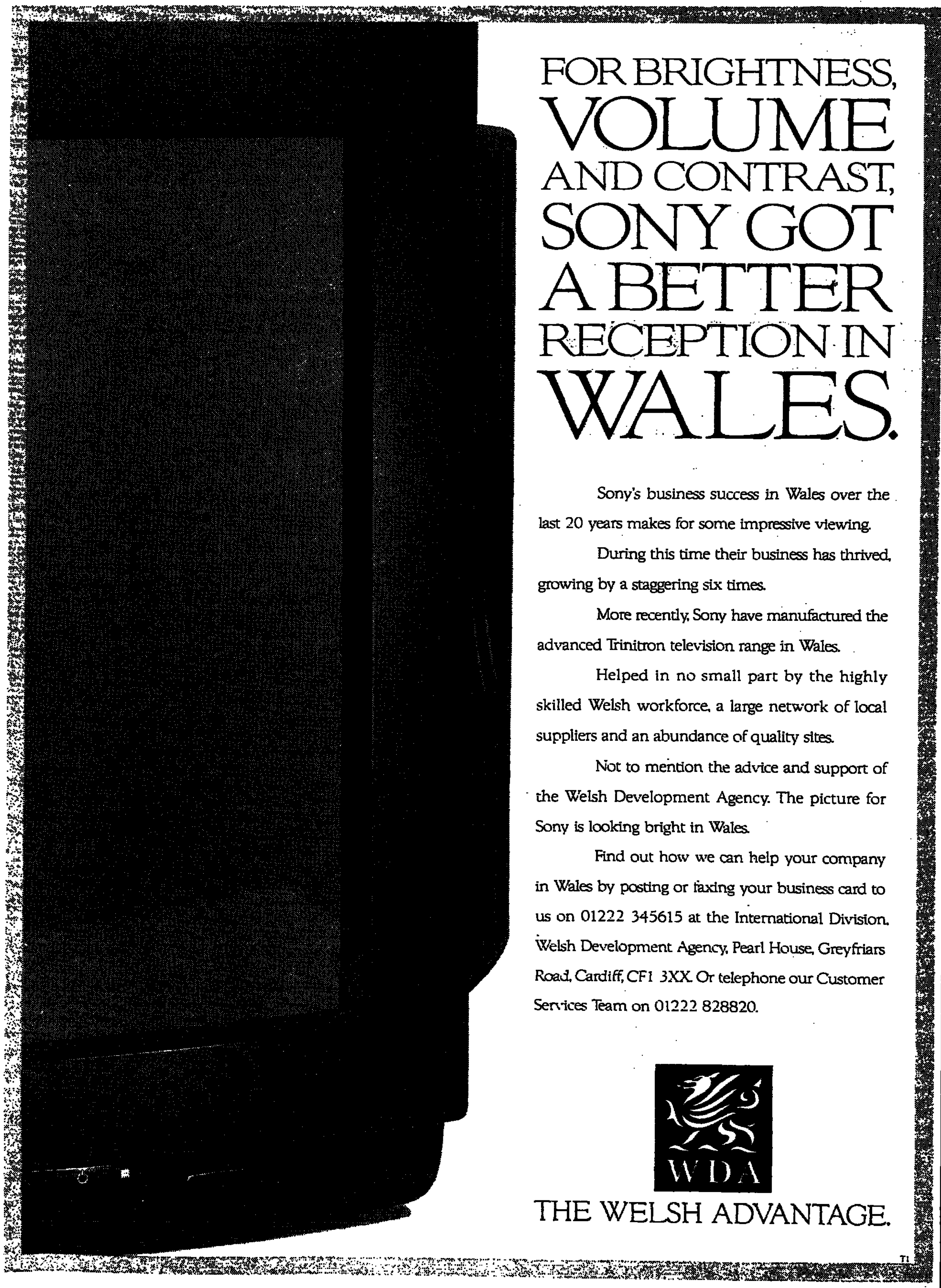
Hilary Armstrong (Lab, Durham North West)warned ministers that the pools companies *might come under* threat again. "I hope that the Government will keep a very close eye on this. The British public will be horrified if the lottery company makes such excessive profits while charities are seen to be failing because of the activities of the lottery."

Lady Olga Maitland (C, Sutton and Cheam) said that giving the money back to the pools companies was like throwing a lifebelt to a drowning man. "This move has now given them a chance to regroup, replan and hopefully move into more fortunate times."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY In the Commons: questions to transport ministers, the Public Accounts Commission, the Commons Commission and the Leader of the House. Debate on the Finance Bill, report stage. In the Lords: debate on the Jobseekers Bill.

TODAY In the Commons: questions to employment ministers and the Prime Minister, with Tony Newton, Leader of the House, *standing in for* John Major. Debates on the Finance Bill, remaining stages, and the Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations. In the Lords: debate on Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill.



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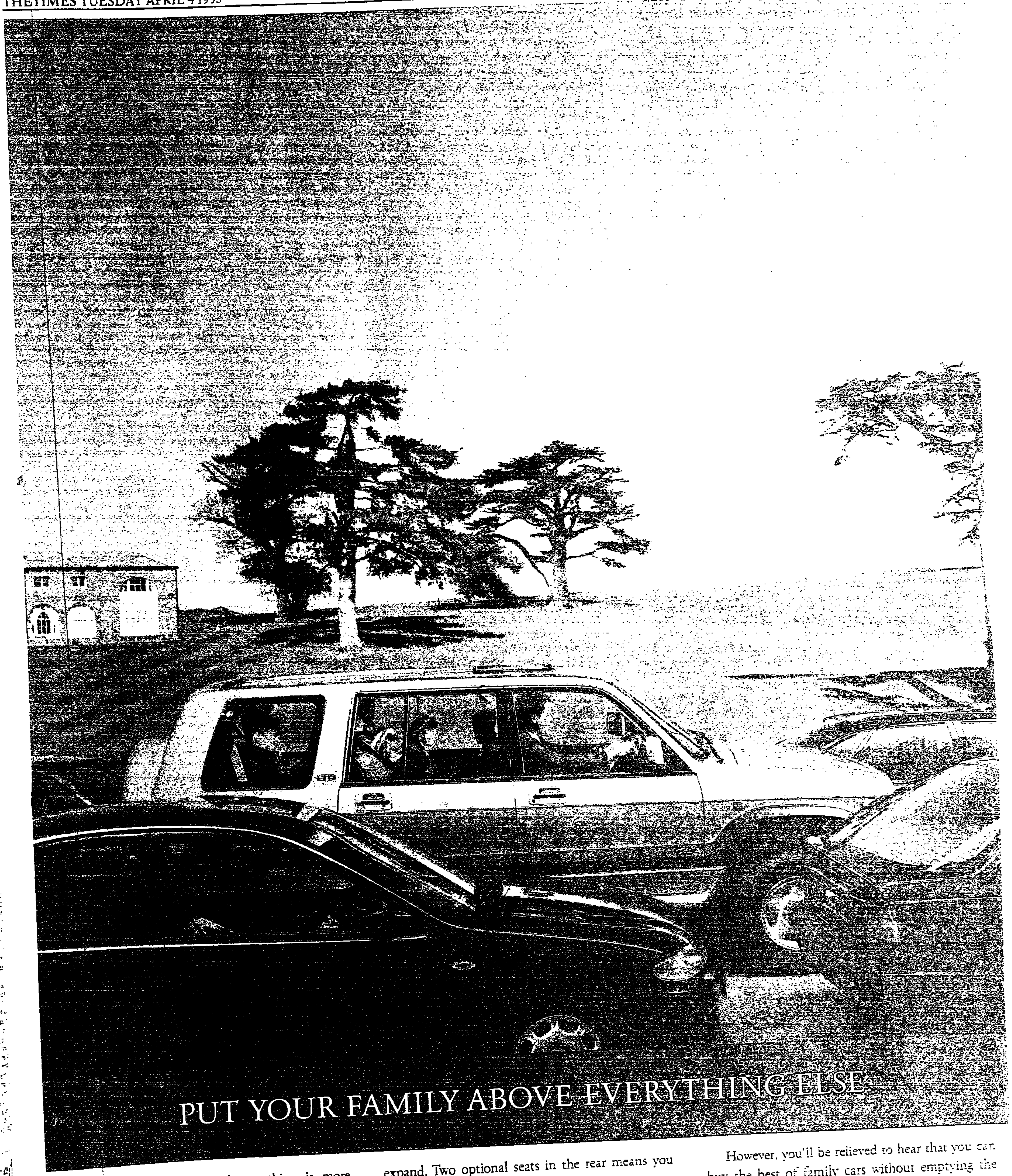

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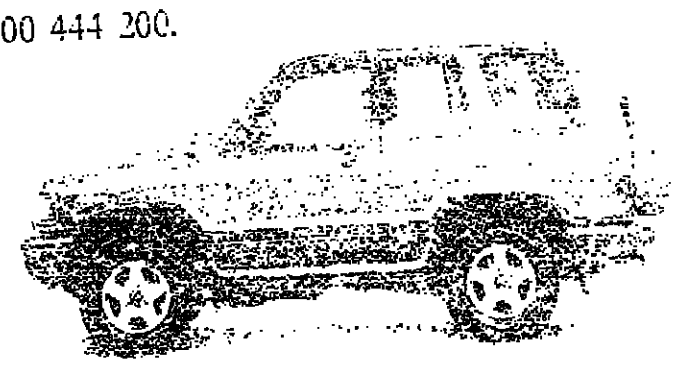

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Secret KGB letters 'solve' the riddle of Hitler's bones

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE riddle of Hitler's bones, for years the source of morbid fascination, appears to have been solved by the discovery of secret correspondence between Yuri Andropov, the late KGB chief, and Leonid Brezhnev.

According to *Der Spiegel*, the remains of Hitler, his mistress Eva Braun, his propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels and the Goebbels family, were taken from the Nazi leadership's Berlin bunker and buried in Magdeburg. In the spring of 1970, Andropov, apparently afraid that the bones might one day be an object of neo-Nazi pilgrimage, ordered that the old ammunition boxes containing the remains be taken to a Soviet tank and artillery training ground. There they were burnt.

The reason for the move was that the original burial place was about to be handed over to the East Germans. Andropov's handwritten notes suggest that the KGB chairman (and later Soviet leader) was deeply nervous about Germany. Ostpolitik and the new intimacy between East and West German leaders.

Willy Brandt, then Chancellor of West Germany, had recently visited Erfurt and was greeted by cheers and loud applause from East Germans. Restless Germans and the sudden discovery of Hitler's body could have added up to an unpredictable mixture in the view of Andropov and of Vladimir Kryuchkov, his head of Cabinet who was later to emerge as one of the plotters against Mikhail Gorbachev.

Brezhnev agreed that Hitler's body should be destroyed. In the middle of the night of April 4, 1970, Soviet soldiers erected a tent over the unmarked grave and five KGB officers dug up the boxes. The five decaying improvised coffins were driven away and burnt. The *Der Spiegel* story is well-supported by documents and by the evidence of Mr Kryuchkov, who is now a pensioner living in Moscow.

There was always a hint of mystery about Hitler's last resting-place, if only because it was clear that Stalin did not quite believe in the death of the Nazi leader. The Russians had liberated the Berlin bunker and had captured the most useful witnesses, including Johann Rattenhuver, Hitler's bodyguard, SS adjutant Otto Gunsche, Hans Baur, his pilot, and Katarina Heusermann, a dental assistant.

In an effort to give Stalin a definitive verdict on Hitler's death, they were interrogated for almost a year. James O'Donnell, author of *The Berlin Bunker*, witnessed the return to Berlin of these and other witnesses in the summer of 1946. By Stalin's order all the members of the Hitler entourage in Soviet captivity were forced to re-enact the last hours of Hitler's life. The performance was filmed.

Later all the German captives were flown back to the Soviet Union and sent to different labour camps. The Western allies also had witnesses from the last days in the bunker, but their story, although convincingly pieced together by Hugh Trevor-Roper, was incomplete. *Der Spiegel* says it has found the last piece of the jigsaw.

Half a century on, German neo-Nazis are planning to disrupt the fiftieth anniversary commemoration of the end of the Second World War and have called on all right-wing extremists to launch a "civil war" on foreign and Jewish citizens living in Germany. The appeal, several hundred copies of which have been distributed in the post, came days after a crackdown on about 80 flats throughout the country. Many rifles and pistols and much Nazi propaganda material was seized. A follow-up police operation in the eastern German state of Thuringia was regarded as a warning to neo-Nazis not to protest against the impending anniversary of the liberation of Buchenwald concentration camp, near Weimar. Gary Lauck, an American neo-Nazi propagandist, was arrested in Denmark two weeks ago and a decision is expected tomorrow as to whether he can be extradited to Germany.

The neo-Nazi problems reflect a deeper difficulty: whether Germans should celebrate the end of the war as a liberation from Nazi rule or as a national defeat. The standard view is that May 8 was a liberation. But more than 200 leading conservatives have signed an open leter saying that the end of thewar was a time of great sufering for Germany becausr of the 11 million ethnic Germans forced out of the Est.

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A Russian sign barring entry to the former Soviet camp in Magdeburg where Hitler's remains are said to have been buried before their final desruction

Le Pen emerges as wild card in French presidential race

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE FRENCH presidential campaign has offered a big dose of the unexpected, with three front-runners succeeding to the favourite's crown since last autumn. A further surprise has now emerged further down the field: the revival of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the veteran candidate of the far right and leader of the National Front party.

Dismissed until lately as a ghost from an ugly past, M Le Pen, is harvesting support for his anti-foreigner platform that could take him over the 14.5 per cent which he earned in his second run for the presidency in 1988. "This time we could even break through to 20 per cent," an optimistic M Le Pen told *The Times* as he consented to be questioned by a British newspaper on French televison. With his famous mix of blue-eyed charm and physical menace, M Le Pen noted that foreign correspondents would be exempted from his plan to pitch three million non-French out of the country in the interests of preserving Gallic jobs and racial purity.

At 66 and after four decades on the unsavoury side of French politics, the pugnacious M Le Pen is revelling in his status as a candidate with clout whose favour will count especially in the event of a showdown in the second round run-off between the duelling Gaullists Jacques Chirac and Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister. For the moment, however, M Le Pen will have none of either, nor of Lionel Jospin, the Socialist, as he tours the country railing at the establishment clique which he says is leading France to destruction from abroad and from within through corruption and the spread of Aids. "This is just a contest between a bunch of *Enarques*," said M Le Pen, referring to the first French race monopolised by graduates of the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration, the nursery of the technocrat elite. "They all hail from the bureaucracy they spend their time denouncing while France is going to the dogs."

M Le Pen, whose party scored 11 per cent in the European elections last year after peaking in the mid-1980s, owes his new wind to a coincidence of factors. He is benefiting from disillusionment with all the mainstream candidates and anxiety among shopkeepers, artisans and the unemployed young in the face of France's social crisis. He has been helped by the exclusion of Bernard Tapie, the populist tycoon, now bankrupt, who appeals to a similar public, especially in the south. He is also being helped by new rules which force the television networks that long ostracised him, to give him air time in proportion to his support.

Also helping him is a mellowing of the public persona. No longer the fire-breathing provocateur surrounded by bully-boys, M Le Pen, a former paratroop officer, has polished his powerful orator's skills, casting himself as a common man who voices ideas that are normally only heard in the corner bistro. "At least I have lived a real life," he said, referring to his origins as the son of a Breton trawlerman killed in the war. "The others say they have suffered when they have spent the day on the ski slopes and done without lunch."

If M Le Pen has failed to shed his sulphurous image and win the respectability accorded in Italy to Gianfranco Fini and his National Alliance, it is because his message still remains one of raw xenophobia. Preaching a nostalgic gospel with echoes of the anti-Semitism of the 1930s, he blames foreigners for taking French jobs and for crime, Aids and drug abuse. He promises to expel three million immigrants and instate a "national preference" which will give employment to those of French blood. "The subject is taboo for the other candidates," he tells cheering crowds. "It's politically incorrect so they rush ahead into a vague idea of Europe and the wiping out of France without knowing what is going to replace it."

M Le Pen's efforts to rival the front-runners have been dented by his reaction to the shooting of a schoolboy from the Comoros islands by National Front campaign workers near Marseilles. Refusing to condemn their act on Sunday, he told a crowd of 4,000 at Aix-en-Provence that at least it had alerted France to the fact that there were 125,000 Comorans now in the country.

Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, is welcomed to an "overseas festival" in Paris

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Seles: knifed in the back during match

Seles fails to get her assailant jailed

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MONICA SELES, the tennis player, failed yesterday in her attempt to have Günther Parche jailed for stabbing her two years ago when an appeal court upheld a two-year suspended prison sentence.

The assailant remains free after District Judge Gertraut Göering in Hamburg upheld the sentence passed in October 1993 on Parche, unemployed, who knifed Miss Seles in the back during a tennis tournament so that his idol, the German tennis player Steffi Graf, could be No 1 in the world. Miss Seles, 21, who was not in court, has not played professional tennis since then. "I am as surprised as everyone else, and I just don't understand this," she said after yesterday's verdict.

She and the prosecutors had appealed against Parche's conviction on a charge of serious bodily injury, asking for a conviction of attempted manslaughter, and a prison term.

olice officers and psychiatrists said that, aside from his fixation on Miss Graf and Miss Seles, Parche was harmless. Rolf Rosenkranz, the prosecutor, had acknowledged that he was not previously aggressive. But Herr Rosenkranz said that Parche, 40, should be imprisoned because he had carefully planned the attack, because it was carried out in public, and was in part based on political prejudice.

Parche had spoken of his dislike of Serbs and claimed he only wanted to hurt his victim. Miss Seles, an ethnic Hungarian, was born in the Serbian area of Yugoslavia and is now an American citizen.

UN officer wounded in Serb attack on 'safe area'

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

SERB troops fired shells into the Bihac "safe area" for the fourth consecutive day yesterday, wounding a United Nations officer and testing the strategy of the new peacekeeping commander.

Five shells landed in the city centre yesterday morning and shrapnel hit an unarmed Dutch officer in the head, wounding him slightly.

The area was hit repeatedly during the weekend and three other "safe areas" have come under Serb heavy weapons' fire in the past two weeks.

UN officials believe the incidents are part of a deliberate plan to step up pressure on the peacekeepers and Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina, who assumed the post at the end of January.

General Smith has responded by repeatedly calling for a meeting with General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb army commander, but for nearly three weeks his aides have said he is too busy to meet his UN counterpart.

UN spokesmen suggested that Sunday's attack on the Bihac "safe area" was justified because the shells fell near a police station, and could therefore be considered part of the combat in the area.

Ten days ago, shelling of the Gorazde "safe area" wounded sixteen civilians and killed one. Radovan Karadzic, the Serb leader, had said the town was attacked in response to Bosnian Army offensives elsewhere. An internal UN report justified the organisation's lack of response to that incident by saying that the Serbs had been aiming for a barracks.

A Nato ultimatum, issued nearly one year ago, threatens the Serbs with air raids if they bring heavy weapons inside a 12-mile zone around Gorazde or fire on the town. UN commanders believe, however, that enforcingthe ultimatum and Secuity Council resolutions woud prompt Serb retaliation aainst peacekeepers. The reslt is a mission increasinglyaralysed by Serb provocation. A UN official said it was nlikely that attacks on the safe areas" would be met byforce. However, on Sunday British UN patrols in Gorade had two fierce exchangesof machinegun fire with Serltroops, after they were attackd.

☐ Three seized: Iosnian Serb soldiers have seizd two Swiss journalists and aGerman aid worker in two sparate incidents outside Srajevo, the UN said yesterdy. The journalists were abdcted from a UN vehicle andfie German was taken afte making a wrong turn. Th Serbs have been holding fiv French aid workers for nore than a month, after they were arrested at the same checkpoint.

Russians develop torpedo propelled by rocket power

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Russians are developing a rocket-powered torpedo, codenamed Shkval (or squall), which can travel underwater at 200 knots (226mph), surrounded by a vacuum bag.

Design work for this new concept in underwater missile technology is being carried out at the Moscow Sergo Ordzhonikidze Aviation Institute, according to *Jane's Intelligence Review* in a newsletter to be published this month.

Under the normal laws of hydrodynamics, it would be virtually impossible to achieve such velocity because of the drag of the seawater, Robert Hall, editor of the *Jane's* newsletter, said yesterday. He said, however, that the hydroaerospace systems department of the institute in Moscow appeared to have overcome the problem by eliminating the torpedo's "physical contact with the water".

A member of the institute has described the new weapon as an "underwater missile which in motion is in a so-called vacuum bag that is underwater but not in the water". Mr Hall said it was possible that the vacuum bag might be a low-pressure gas envelope. "One method might be to eject streams of high-speed bubbles from the head of the torpedo, although this would require a large pressurised gas cylinder within the torpedo," he said. The West's latest models can go no faster than 60 knots.

The Shkval torpedo was mentioned in the latest edition of *Military Parade*, a defence procurement brochure. There was also a reference on Moscow television last June to an underwater missile that could travel at up to "100 metres a second".

Richard Sharpe, editor of *Jane's Fighting Ships*, doubted whether the torpedo would become operational. He said it would go through the water "like a banshee", making so much noise that it would be relatively easy for a targeted ship to take evasive action.

The Russians have developed a torpedo that guides itself by homing in on the wake of a surface warship. It approaches its target by zigzagging across the sea. That torpedo is in service and is believed to have been sold to the Iranians.

Backing for EU over whisky tax

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

MICHAEL HEELTINE, the President of he Board of Trade, yesterda came out in support of the European Commission in it attempt to launch action gainst Japan over discriminatory taxes on Scottish whisly and other spirits. Whisk and brandy continue to be axed between four and six tines more heavily than Shochu.

Sir Leon Britan, the Trade Commissione, announced that the Commission will start a procedure under which Japan may be dagged in front of the new Wrld Trade Organisation.

Its predeessor organisation, the Geeral Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, had already ruld in 1987 that Japan shoulcnot discriminate between spirts made in Japan and abroad,but Japan has so far not fullycomplied with the ruling, according to the EU.

Mr Heseline, on a rare visit to Brussel, said he was "pleased" hat the Commission has finally decided to act.

Italian doctors ban 'granny-mum' births

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIAN doctors who enable post-menopausal women to undergo artifical pregancies may be struck off under a new code of ethics introduced by Italy's Order of Doctors yesterday in a response to the Pope's latest encyclical.

The code also bans rent-a-womb births, artifical procreation for lesbians and insemination with sperm from a dead donor. The Italian Catholic Bishops' Conference said yesterday that it was pleased with the decision taken by the national council of the Order of Doctors meeting in Florence. It came after the publication by the Vatican last week of the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life) in which the Pope said mankind was in the middle of a dramatic clash between "the culture of death and the culture of life" and reiterated Church teaching against genetic engineering and test-tube babies. The move, which was welcomed by politicians across the spectrum, outraged Severino Antinori, the Italian doctor who has pioneered techniques of artificially induced pregnancy for elderly women, including some who have come from Britain to benefit from Italy's legislative vacuum on many controversial bio-ethical issues.

Dr Antinori said, "I will go forward all the same. This is a Nazi-Maoist edict."

Under the decision Italian doctors will face disciplinary measures, ultimately including being struck off, if they participate in "practices of assisted fertilisation for women in non-precocious menopause".

The age of 50 is set as an average limit to artificial pregnancies of this kind, to avoid creating more *mamme-nonne* (granny-mums) such as Liliana Cantadori, who became the first woman in Italy to give birth at 61. Last year a 63-year-old woman treated by Dr Antinori, Rosanna Della Corte, gave birth to a son, Riccardo.

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Farmer's field-day on Falklands is historic mission

A DEER farmer, a property developer, a hairdresser and a hypnotist are among more than 200 part-time soldiers currently responsible for guarding the Falkland Islands (Michael Evans writes).

Eight-thousand miles away from their normal jobs, the 214 members of a Territorial Army infantry company group have completed the first month of an historic four-month mission. It is the first fully operational deployment of a TA company. Under the command of Major Adrian Walton, a deer farmer in civilian life, the TA soldiers are responsible for providing the ground defence of the South Atlantic islands against a repeat invasion by Argentina.

Although the Falklands' garrison includes soldiers from the regular Army, they have other roles such as mine clearance, signals, transport and logistics. It is the first time that the TA, and not a regular infantry company, has been put in charge of guarding the Falkland Islands.

Major Walton said yesterday that the presence of the Territorials in the Falklands did not mean Britain was "downplaying" the role of the military in the South Atlantic. He said: "It is important that the islanders don't see it as a down-valuing. This releases other troops for tasks like Bosnia. This is a particularly arduous posting. It is not money for old rope." The part-time soldiers, recruited mainly from TA units in the northwest of England, the Midlands and Wales, go out on regular patrols and live at the formidable Mount Pleasant garrison about 30 miles from Port Stanley, the capital. They arrived last month, and their presence in the Falklands is part of the Ministry of Defence's plan to give Britain's reserve forces an expanded role.

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Russia rejects US plea to abandon Iran nuclear deal

By Martin Fletcher in Washington and Our Foreign Staff

THE Russian Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, last night dismissed an appeal by William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, to cancel a planned sale of nuclear reactors to Iran.

"The Russian Government did not agree to change their position to proceed with that sale," Mr Perry said in Moscow after talks with Mr Chernomyrdin. He said Russia had acknowledged his concern that Tehran might use spent reactor fuel and technology from the $1 billion (£617 million) sale to develop nuclear arms, and said he disagreed with Mr Chernomyrdin that tight controls could prevent this.

"I told him I did not share that confidence," Mr Perry said, adding that American and Russian officials would continue discussions in the next few weeks, including proposals for safeguards on spent fuel that can be enriched for nuclear arms.

The rebuff to Mr Perry came after the Clinton Administration had taken the rare step of sharing sensitive intelligence with Moscow as part of its increasingly urgent efforts to dissuade Russia from building nuclear reactors for the Iranians.

Intelligence reports detail concerted Iranian attempts to buy enriched uranium from former Soviet republics such as Kazakhstan, and vital nuclear components from Germany and other European nations, *The New York Times* reported yesterday.

The Administration insists that Iran has no need for the reactors given its wealth of fossil fuels, and says it is really after expertise, technology and fissionable material to accelerate its nuclear weapons programme. Washington estimates that Iran will have an atomic bomb within five to ten years.

As a further inducement to Moscow, the United States is reportedly offering the Ministry of Atomic Energy tens of millions of dollars to help it to clean up old nuclear sites and build modern reactors in Russia. This would provide work to compensate for the loss of the Iranian contract. Washington is also considering whether Russia could help to build the two new reactors worth $4 billion that an American-led consortium is planning to give North Korea. The proposed Iranian contract has become an irritant in American-Russian relations, with congressmen threatening to end all aid if Moscow does not relent. President Clinton will take up the issue with President Yeltsin at their Moscow summit next month.

On Sunday Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, pointed to Iran's proximity to Russia and warned Moscow that it would "rue the day it co-operated with the terrorist state of Iran if Iran builds nuclear weapons with Russian expertise and Russian equipment".

Mr Chernomyrdin's rejection was a bitter pill for Mr Perry and came as Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, announced that Moscow might resort to "counter-measures", including refusal to abide by the 1990 treaty on conventional forces in Europe, if Nato expanded into former Soviet bloc states.

Vladimir Shumeiko, the chairman of the upper house of Russia's parliament, was reported to have told Mr Perry that parliament was unlikely to ratify the Start II strategic arms reduction treaty quickly because of friction with Nato.

'Presidential' Gingrich will toast Republican successes

By Martin Fletcher

THE House of Representatives completes the *Contract with America* this week, and Republicans and Democrats are already embarking on a propaganda war over whether the first 100 days of Republican rule have been a triumph or disaster.

Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, has struck the first blow. He announced that he would address the nation on Friday, and both CBS and CNN have agreed to broadcast his speech live. Only presidents are normally accorded such a privilege.

Mr Gingrich hopes to borrow a team of elephants — the Republican symbol — from a visiting Ringling Brothers circus to parade around the Capitol. After weeks of self-imposed purdah he is reappearing on chat shows and giving umpteen interviews to the "liberal media elite" he professes to despise. Republican congressmen are to stage a rally on the Capitol Hill steps where they signed the *Contract* last September, and they will then fan out across the country at Easter to boast of their accomplishments.

Al Gore, the Vice-President, kicked off the Democratic counter-attack last night with a speech to the National Press Club. Trade unions, feminists, environmentalists and a host of other pressure groups who feel threatened by the Republicans will join in this week with multimillion-dollar television advertising campaigns.

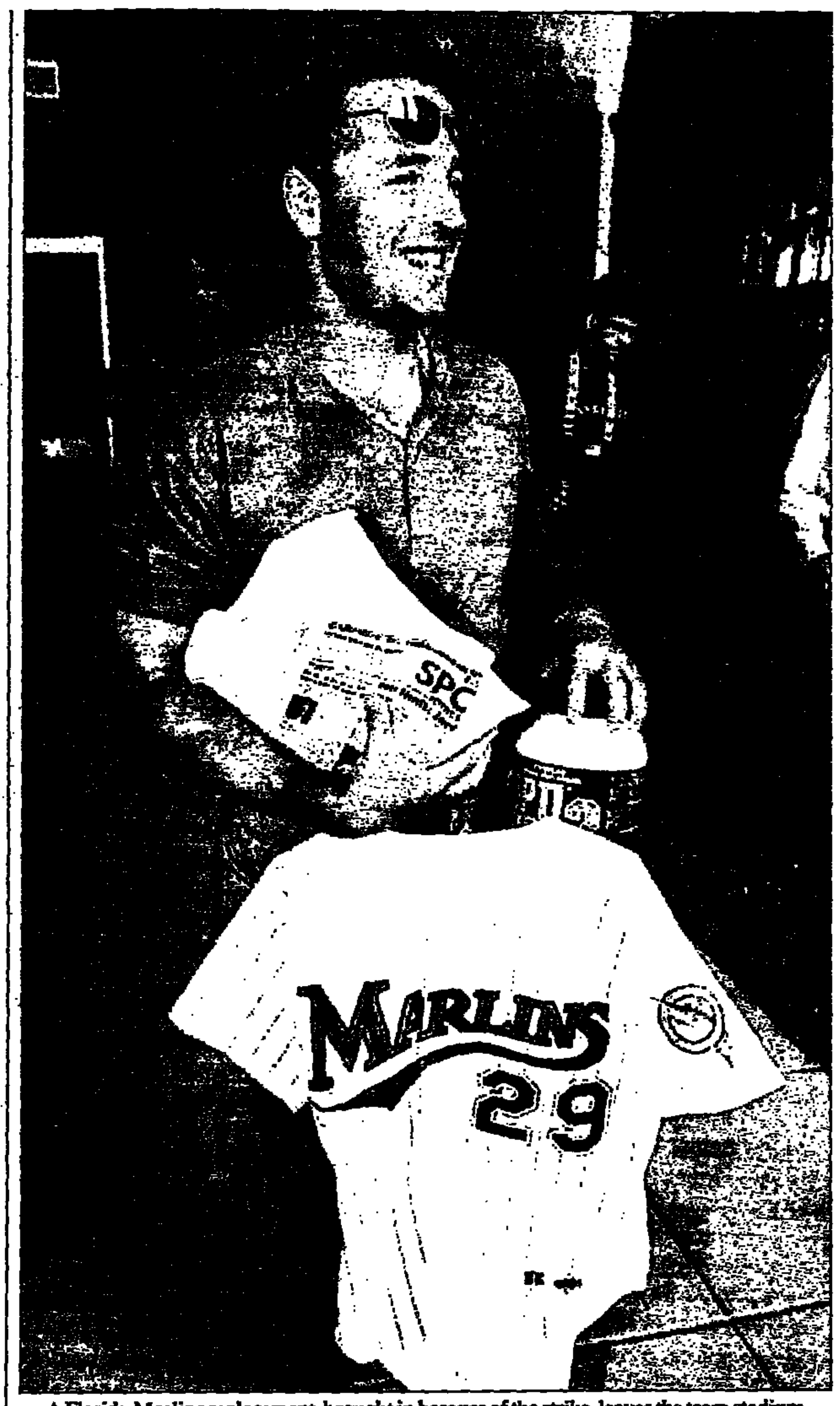
The battle lines are obvious:

Gingrich: wants to use elephants for celebration

The Republicans will claim dramatic progress towards cutting government, returning power to the states and reforming welfare. The Democrats will paint the Republicans as mean-spirited extremists determined to slash everything from pensions to school lunches to provide tax breaks for the rich.

The outcome is critical. The real challenge for Mr Gingrich and his colleagues comes next month when they begin the painful task of cutting $1,200 billion (£750 billion) in public spending over the next seven years to balance the budget. Mr Gingrich calls it a task "so large, so comprehensive and so daring nobody is going to say this is business as usual", and it will be impossible unless the Republicans can win public support.

Polls show the public ambivalent about the Republicans' first 100 days. How much of the *Contract* will be implemented remains unclear. Of the eight Bills passed by the House, the Senate has so far approved just three.



A Florida Marlins replacement, brought in because of the strike, leaves the team stadium

Baseball season is saved but loyalty of fans falters

From Ben Macintyre in New York

AMERICAN baseball has returned from the dead after the longest, most expensive and ugliest strike in the history of professional sport.

On Sunday Major League Baseball Owners accepted the players' offer to return to work after a strike lasting 234 days and announced that the season would start, 24 days late, on April 26. The strike has cost an estimated $800 million (£490 million), but the expense in terms of damaged public enthusiasm for America's national pastime is incalculable.

Players such as Bobby Bonilla, of the New York Mets, who earned an estimated $6.3 million before the strike, can begin restoring their fortunes, as can the baseball owners, but rebuilding the confidence of millions of enraged fans will take far longer.

The strike, which began on August 12, wiped out the baseball World Series for the first time in 90 years, while fans watched in disbelief and increasing fury the unappealing spectacle of "a few hundred folks trying to figure out how to divide nearly $2 billion", in the words of President Clinton.

For fans already angered by high ticket prices and the multimillion-dollar salaries doled out to baseball stars, the greed shown by both sides during the strike was the last straw.

The strike ended when the owners accepted an offer by the players' union to go back to work without a collective bargaining agreement, leaving open the possibility of another strike later in the season if the owners try to impose a salary cap once again. The fragile truce rests largely on wishful thinking. "I think there is an unwritten commitment by both sides that the 1995 season will be played uninterrupted," Peter Angelos, majority owner of the Baltimore Orioles, said.

Villagers caught in terror cycle of Kurdish conflict

☐ *Ann Clwyd, MP, who was dismissed by Tony Blair yesterday after her unauthorised trip to Turkey and northern Iraq as one of Labour's foreign affairs team, describes what she saw of conditions for civilians trapped in the area of conflict*

THE village men carried out the dead bodies wrapped in blankets. They unrolled them gently for us to see. One child had an arm crooked as though trying to protect her face. There was blood everywhere. The oldest must have been about 17, the youngest about seven.

The whole family had been asleep in the village of Gorum when terrorists smashed a window and lobbed through a hand grenade. The three girls were killed instantly, the baby's cradle smashed.

Outside all was apparently normal: a cockerel perched on a dung heap and hens pecked away in the sun. But the whole village, high in the rugged mountains on the Turkish side of the border, was in a state of shock. It was, the inhabitants said, the second attack by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) on the village in a few days. They demanded better protection from the Turkish Army.

A mile up the road there were hundreds of Turkish soldiers and tanks. We were the only international observers allowed to cross the border at the beginning of the week, at the invitation of Erdal Inonu, the new Social Democrat Foreign Minister.

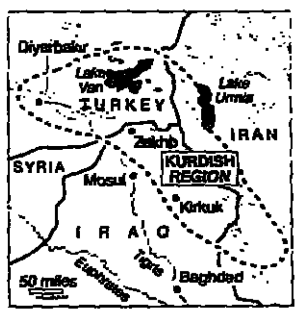
Part of the problem here is that Turkey's own policies towards its Kurdish minority have created a Kurdish terrorist threat. No one could support the terrorist atrocities, but Turkey has denied basic human rights to moderate Kurds in Turkey, and this in turn has created a breeding ground for Kurdish terrorists. Turkey has lost patience with PKK attacks from inside northern Iraq, and two weeks ago Ankara sent 35,000 troops backed by jets, trucks and artillery to clear a 25-mile strip along the border.

We met one of the captured PKK soldiers at Silopi camp. He was brought to us blindfolded, his arm in a sling. He was a very young man, and very nervous. He told us that he had come from Syria to fight. "All Kurds are our brothers," he whispered.

We spent an afternoon with Turkish soldiers in terrain that reminded me of Snowdonia. The battalion commander showed us a huge cave in the rocks which, we were told, had previously housed dozens of guerrillas. The military also showed us weapons captured from the PKK.

Many Kurds inside northern Iraq have a quite different focus of concern: Baghdad. We crossed the border for a journey deep inside northern Iraq, where the two main Iraqi Kurdish parties, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) and the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP), distance themselves completely from the separatist guerrillas, whom they liken to the Shining Path in Peru.

At the headquarters of Massoud Barzani, the leader of the KDP in Salhuddin, the message to the Turks was clear: "We want you to finish the invasion quickly and return home". Unfortunately, the Kurds are far from united, even though they have a common enemy in President Saddam Husain. When I asked Mr Barzani about continuing fighting between his own party and that of the PUK, he said he was "ashamed" of it. Later that night, under an armed escort provided by the KDP, we tried to reach the headquarters of the PUK, at Erbil. We never reached it. We were forced back by a bombardment coming from Iraq, aimed at Erbil. We telephoned the man we were going to meet, Ahmed Chalabi, on a crackly car phone. He reported that people were fleeing from their villages. "We need help. Please tell the world we need help."



The lesson is that while Western sympathy naturally goes to the Kurds facing Saddam's aggression in nothern Iraq, the problems of the Kurds inside Turkey must be addressed so that the causes of Kurdish terrorism against Ankara are eradicated.

☐ Bonn: Germany sharply criticised Turkey for its invasion of northern Iraq. "We don't want to use threats," said Klaus Kinkel, Foreign Minister, after talks with Mr Inonu. "But of course there are levers available."

Gangsters 'threaten stability in China'

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

ORGANISED crime is threatening China's stability, as Peking's contacts with the rest of the world spread, according to a member of Italy's anti-Mafia parliamentary commission.

Speaking in Peking yesterday, Pino Arlacchi said that conditions for an indigenous mafia were in place. He emphasised that when Hong Kong rejoins China in 1997 the links between the colony's secret societies, the Triads, and their counterparts in China will become even stronger. The Hong Kong gangs are believed to have about 100,000 members.

"To fight Triads, which are the most dangerous form of Chinese organised crime, is difficult," he said, "because of the kind of natural secrecy."

Organised crime is so serious that national newspapers regularly write about it, it is a matter of concern to the country's senior leaders, and a book on the subject was published by two Shanghai specialists last September. Su Zhiliang and Chen Lifei referred to the network as "the cancer of the cities" and compared "these evil forces" to the Shanghai underworld before the 1949 Communist takeover.

The *China Youth Daily* newspaper said smuggling includes, gold, cultural relics, firearms and cars — often stolen to order as far away as the United States.

Arlacchi: worried by influence of Triads

Message in a bottle crosses the Atlantic

From Associated Press in Trenton, New Jersey

SEVEN months ago, a group of schoolchildren lamenting the end of their summer holidays put notes with greetings and their names and addresses into a plastic bottle and threw it into the Atlantic at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

They returned home to New Jersey to start a new school year and forgot about the bottle. However, it was carried by the Gulf Stream towards Europe — and was found by Marc Gurun, 11, at Ile de Houat, off the coast of north-west France.

Last month, Jackie Borzio, 14, received a postcard in French from Marc and when her grandmother translated it, she remembered Cape Hatteras. "It's amazing," she said. "I was totally shocked."

Breck Owens of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, said that Cape Hatteras is one of the few places where the 4,000-mile Gulf Stream current comes within a few yards of the coast.

Japanese hint at Hollywood sale

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

A LONG-RUNNING battle for control of one of Hollywood's oldest studios appeared to be near resolution yesterday with an acknowledgement from Matsushita, the Japanese electronics giant, that it was considering selling part of MCA/United Artists.

At the same time, published reports disclosed that Seagram, the Canadian soft drinks company, is planning to sell a $10 billion (£6.5 billion) stake in Du Pont, possibly with a view to acquiring a studio.

The latest shift in Japan's short but hugely expensive relationship with Hollywood was heralded when a meeting scheduled for yesterday between Sydney Scheinberg, MCA's president, and executives from the studio's parent company was abruptly cancelled last week. Mr Scheinberg and Lew Wasserman, the MCA chairman, have chafed under Japanese control since Matsushita bought the studio five years ago. Both men have complained publicly of stringent financial controls and have let it be known that they intend to leave the company when their contracts expire at the end of the year.

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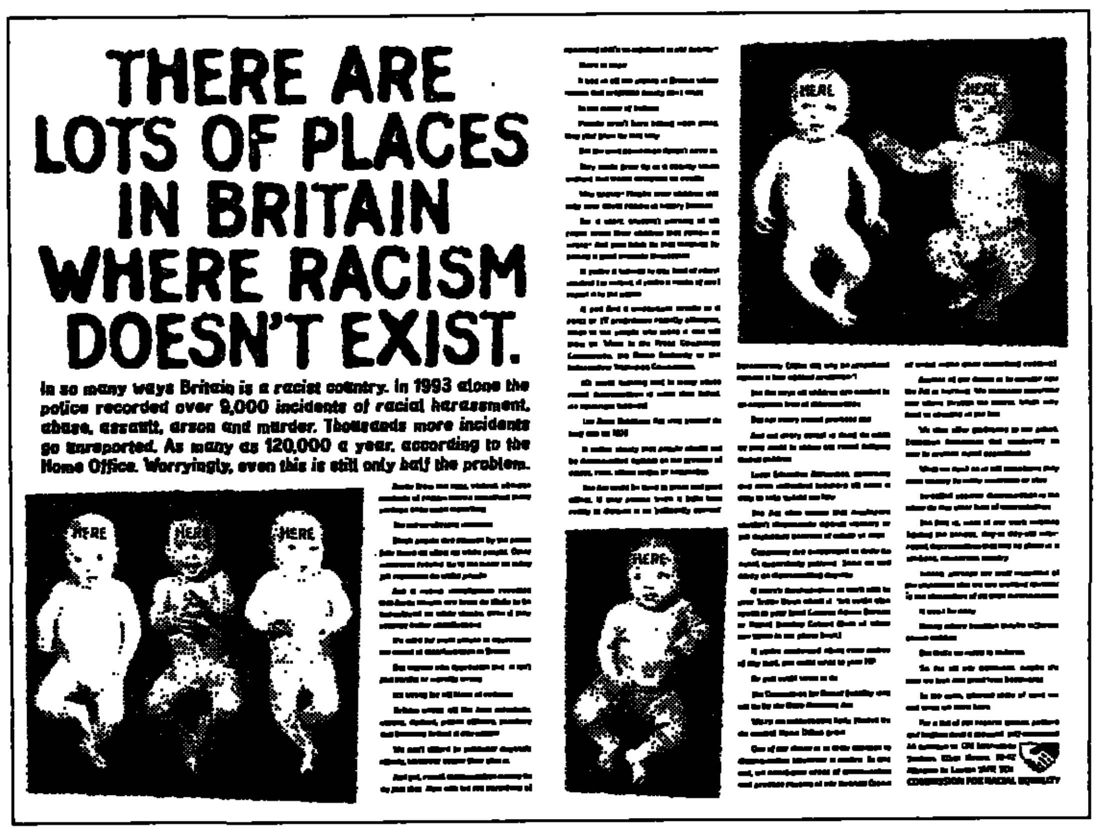
A Great Black & White Advertisement

Last night, Britain's advertising 'Oscars', the National Newspaper Campaign Advertising Awards took place. The award for best black & white newspaper advertisement of the year was won by Saatchi & Saatchi's 'Junk Mail', part of an anti-racism campaign run by the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE). The campaign is called 'Uniting Britain – For a Just Society'. Its aim is to change people's attitudes and make racial discrimination socially unacceptable in Britain.

The winning advertisement and two more from the campaign appear below. And Maurice Saatchi Chairman of the judges explains why the panel of national newspaper editors, creative directors and advertisers picked 'Junk Mail' as Britain's best newspaper advertisement. You can support the CRE campaign by calling them on 0171 828 7022.



THERE ARE LOTS OF PLACES IN BRITAIN WHERE RACISM DOESN'T EXIST.

In so many ways Britain is a *racist* country. In 1993 alone the *police* recorded over 9,000 incidents of *racial harassment*, abuse, assault, arson and murder. Thousands more incidents go unreported. As many as 120,000 a year, according to the Home Office. Worryingly, even this is still only *half* the problem.

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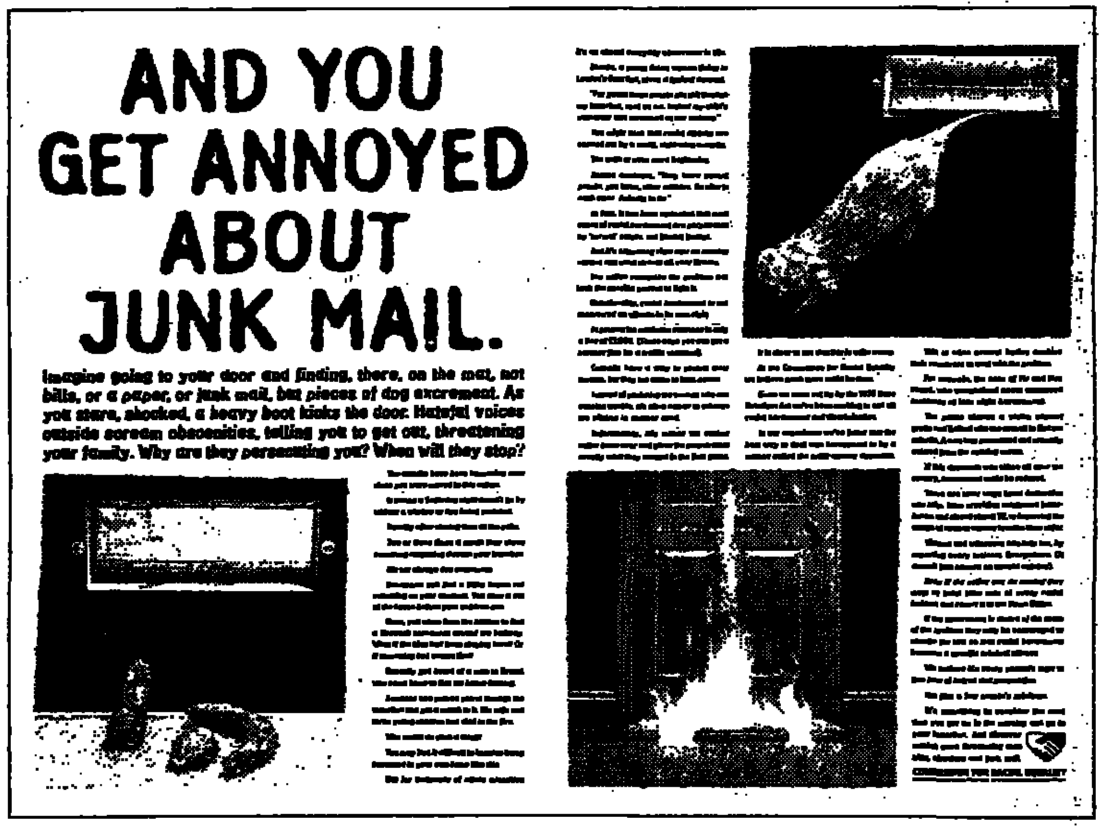

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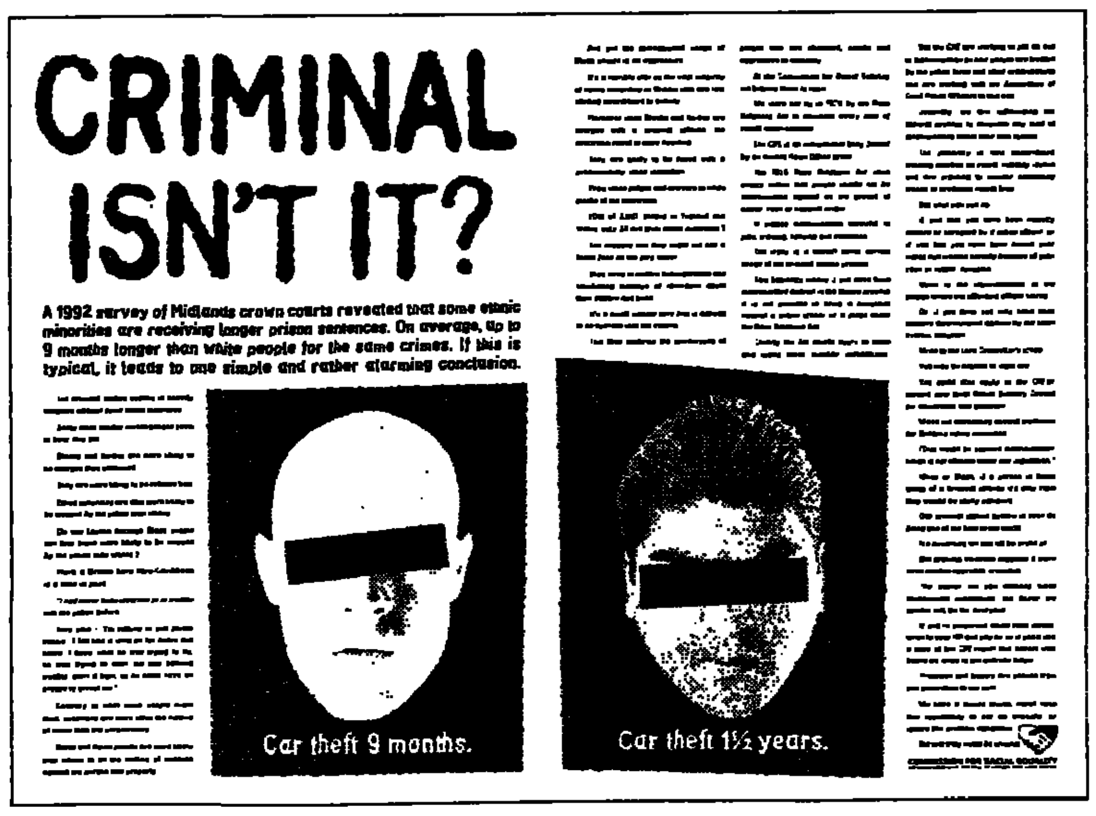

CRIMINAL ISN'T IT?

A 1992 survey of Midlands crown courts revealed that some ethnic minorities are *receiving* longer prison sentences. On average, up to 9 months longer than white *people* for the same crimes. If this is typical, it leads to one simple and rather alarming conclusion.

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CRIMINALS

MAURICE SAATCHI
Chairman of the judges

Racism is one of the most difficult subjects for advertising to deal with. Strong prejudices are held, and attitudes are deeply ingrained. It is an enormous tribute to the people at Saatchi & Saatchi who created the campaign, that they were able to tackle racism in a direct and powerful way, but without lecturing or patronising the audience.

As with all top-class advertising ever produced, the message of the CRE's advert is simple and goes straight to the heart. It is an important campaign dealing with an important subject.

Racial discrimination is all too common in Britain today. We can be proud that we live in a nation where people of many different races, cultures and backgrounds can live and work together. But there is still a lot more to be done if we are to get rid of the racism and harassment which affects the daily lives of so many ethnic minorities.

The toughest challenge is to fight racism where it is most deeply fixed, in our own hearts and minds. Changing attitudes is the most difficult part of the process, and it is the part where advertising can have the most powerful influence. The judges of these awards hope that the campaign from the CRE will be another step forward.

The National Newspaper Campaign Advertising Awards are run annually to acknowledge effective and creative advertising in the national press. The aim of the Awards is to demonstrate the power of the press through the best advertisements that have appeared in Britain's national newspapers in the last twelve months. We offer our congratulations to the overall winners, Saatchi & Saatchi, for their campaign for the Commission for Racial Equality which included the Best Black and White advertisement and to Bartle Bogle Hegarty for winning the Best Colour Advertisement for Moet & Chandon.

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Aid workers caught in crossfire of Burundi's ethnic conflict

■ The United Nations is trying to encourage displaced Tutsis to return home, against the wishes of Burundi's Prime Minister and tribal extremists. As a result, relief agencies are the target of hostility, writes Sam Kiley in Bujumbura

TUTSI extremists in Burundi's coalition Government are manipulating international relief efforts to obtain food for radical militias while perpetuating tribal conflicts which could lead to ethnic bloodletting, aid workers and diplomats said in Bujumbura yesterday.

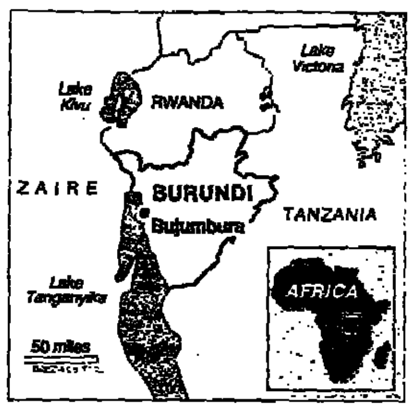
Led by Antoine Nduwayo, the Prime Minister, the Tutsi extremists have blocked attempts by the United Nations World Food Programme to encourage 200,000 Tutsis living in displaced people's camps under the armed guard of the Tutsi-dominated army, to return to their farms. The UN has provided them with food, seeds and tools, but few have been able to go home.

Acts of intimidation against international aid workers include grenade attacks on a Care employee's car over the weekend, the throwing of a grenade at the Médecins Sans Frontières offices in Kirundu, World Food Programme staff being held hostage and food trucks being hijacked and diverted from Rwandan refugees to Tutsis. Death threats are an almost daily burden for Gemmo Lodesani, the WFP director.

Since up to 100,000 Barundi, many of them Tutsis, were slaughtered in ethnic clashes which followed the murder of Burundi's first democratically elected President, a Hutu, in October 1993, many rural Tutsis have lived in displaced camps fearing to return to their farms.

"There remain some in certain areas where going home is too risky, and we know where they are. But the vast majority are simply living off free handouts and being brainwashed by tribal extremists into a state of paranoia, or into joining the Tutsi militia," Mr Lodesani said yesterday.

According to a report by the United States Agency for International Development, titled *The Burundi Surreality*, the manipulation of relief operations through threats on both humanitarian workers and Tutsis has enabled extremist politicians to foment tribal hatreds and ignore the business of government. The humanitarian community has been used as an involuntary wedge between Burundi's population, which is 85 per cent Hutu and 15 per cent Tutsi. "While politicians discuss their future and jockey for political advantage, potentially explosive issues (such as the reintegration or resettlement of the internally displaced Tutsis) remain unaddressed by the central Government," the report said.



Extremist Hutus have been unable to gain a foothold in the Government since Leonard Nyangoma, the former Interior Minister, fled to exile in Zaire last year. His Force for the Defence of Democracy and its armed wing, the *Intagohekas* (those who never sleep) have mounted a number of attacks in some areas and have received arms from Rwanda's Hutu diaspora in Tanzania and Zaire.

One Western ambassador said: "The Tutsi extremists insist on driving the two ethnic groups further apart and blocking any chance of a reconciliation. Yet they should realise that they cannot survive like this. They are outnumbered, and sooner or later they will be outgunned.

"They have been corrupted by so many years of unchallenged power. [Burundi was under a Tutsi military dictatorship between independence in 1963 and the 1993 elections.] They simply cannot see any way of making money other than grabbing the reins of government. But the Hutus have now had a taste of power, they know they outnumber the others, they have access to arms, and they are getting nastier by the day."

Donors are unlikely to continue funding the relief effort in Burundi until they see efforts at reconciliation working at government level — in particular, because only two provinces in Burundi are short of food, and the country expects bumper harvests as well as coffee and tea exports. Another Western diplomat noted: "The time is fast approaching when we will simply give up on this country."

☐ **Massacre uncovered:** Burundi troops and Tutsi gunmen massacred an estimated 400 Hutus, mainly women and children, in northeast Burundi last week, diplomats and aid workers said yesterday. One envoy said: "There is no question, this is genocide." Robert Krueger, the US Ambassador, said the vast majority of those killed, in the Gasorwe area, were women and children. *(Reuter)*

Bahrain's Emir in peace talks after riots and sabotage

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time since unrest began to rock the Gulf state of Bahrain last December, the ruling Emir has held high-level talks in an attempt to restore calm before an international economic conference, to be held next week, at which Baroness Thatcher is due to be the keynote speaker.

Opposition and official sources said yesterday that the talks had taken place between the emir, Sheikh Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa, and prominent Bahrainis, but gave different accounts.

The violence was sparked by the arrest of a leading Shia Muslim cleric after a petition was circulated to reinstate the parliament closed by the Emir 20 years ago. The authorities say that protest is being orchestrated from Iran in order to destabilise the nation.

According to the official GNA news agency, the leaders met the emir on Sunday to express their "concern at the violence and sabotage against public and private property". The agency said they had promised to make every effort to restore calm under the emir's "wise leadership".

In a contrasting account, however, members of the exiled Bahrain Freedom Movement, one of two main opposition groups, said that "about 20 leading Shia Muslims were summoned by the emir to ask them to end the unrest". The opposition said that disturbances have left at least 12 people dead in the past four months, although the Government has admitted only four deaths, including those of three policemen.

The situation deteriorated at the weekend with a call from the main exiled opposition group, the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, for a mass campaign of civil disobedience, and with the arrest of unidentified suspects accused of sabotage and the killing of a policeman and a Pakistani shop assistant.

Since street disturbances flared last December after the arrest of petitioners demanding the reinstatement of parliament — set up after independence from Britain in 1971 but closed by the al-Khalifas in 1975 — human rights groups have accused the authorities of using excessive force.

Once known as "the pearl of the Gulf", Bahrain — with its tolerant attitude towards alcohol and nightlife, its luxury hotels and the alleged links between leading Bahrainis and many of the foreign air stewardesses who are based there — has long been a target for condemnation by Islamic purists.

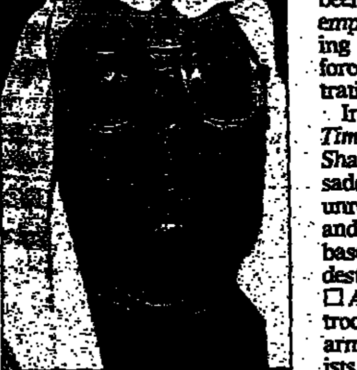
Last week Amnesty International issued a report saying that the political situation had become critical with at least seven civilians killed and dozens of others wounded since last December. The Government says that the death toll is lower and that there have been about 300 arrests, as opposed to the more than 3,000 claimed by the opposition.

Bahrain's stability is of vital importance to the West. Since 1986, the group of islands that forms the emirate has been linked to Saudi Arabia by a causeway. The capital, Manama, provides vital services to the United States Navy and the RAF, although reporting them is discouraged in an attempt not to inflame extreme Islamic opinion further.

At the root of Bahrain's troubles, which are causing increasing concern in the West, is the fact that a 65 per cent Shia Muslim majority is ruled by a Sunni Muslim minority. Shia discontent has been exacerbated by high unemployment and a rule keeping Shias out of the armed forces and sensitive administration posts.

In a recent letter to *The Times*, Karim Ebrahim al-Shakar, the Bahraini Ambassador to London, said that the unrest was being provoked and supported by foreign-based terrorists bent on destabilising the Gulf region.

☐ **Algiers:** Algerian airborne troops destroyed a convoy of armed Islamic fundamentalists coming from Sudan last week, the newspaper *Liberté* reported yesterday. *(AFP)*



Al-Shakar: "terrorists" said to be behind unrest

Romanian soldiers carry away debris yesterday from the Tarom Airbus that crashed on the outskirts of Bucharest with the loss of 60 lives

Jet 'struck by hand of Allah'

Brussels: Belgian police checked an anonymous note sent to an international news organisation yesterday saying that "the hand of Allah" brought down a Romanian plane last Friday.

A spokesman for the Brussels public prosecutor's office confirmed that police were examining the handwritten note, delivered to an office in Brussels early in the day. It said: "The hand of Allah has hit the non-believers in the sky. Death to the infidels. Islam will conquer."

The Brussels-bound Romanian Tarom Airbus A310 crashed just after take-off from Bucharest's Otopeni airport, killing all 60 passengers and staff, including 32 Belgians. The same flight to Brussels was the subject of a bomb threat on March 15. Romanian air accident investigators say they are taking seriously a possibility that the crash could have been caused by a bomb. One witness reported seeing an explosion on the aircraft.

Vladimir Belis, the director of the Bucharest mortuary, said yesterday: "My personal belief is that the victims have died due to an explosion in the air." He based this view on his experience, charring on the bodies, and what he had read. A Tarom BAC 1-11 aircraft bound for Paris was forced to divert to the Romanian city of Timisoara yesterday after its pilot was told a bomb was on board.

Last month the Algerian Armed Islamic Group threatened reprisals after Belgian police broke up an Islamic fundamentalist network and arrested nine people. *(Reuter)*

Gaza blast sparks call for revenge

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THOUSANDS of Islamic militants marched in the Gaza Strip yesterday, blaming Israel and the Palestinian Authority for the explosion at a secret bomb factory on Sunday and vowing to take swift revenge.

Although both Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation denied responsibility for the blast, in which six Palestinians are now known to have died and 30 others were wounded, Israeli security forces were placed on maximum alert by Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, in anticipation of renewed suicide attacks.

Palestinian police claimed that the explosion, which ripped through a block of flats in Gaza City, was caused when members of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, were working together to assemble a bomb. Four Hamas activists were among those killed in the incident.

As tension mounted in Gaza yesterday, more than 7,000 Islamic extremists marched behind symbolic wooden stretchers after the dead had been buried by Palestinian police. Some activists shouted "Revenge, revenge!" and others chanted: "We want to hear the Jews crying."

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Tokyo cult blames Buddhist 'spies'

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

THE religious cult under investigation for the poison gas attack on Tokyo's subway system, yesterday accused one of Japan's largest and most influential Buddhist sects of involvement in the incident and other illegal acts.

The charges, made by Fumihiro Joyu, the chief spokesman for Aum Shinrikyo, has provoked an unprecedented "clash of the cults" in Japan, where more than 185,000 religious organisations have coexisted in relative peace for decades.

Mr Joyu said that Soka Gakkai had sent about 86 "infiltrators" into the sect to "spy" on its members, and that one of the "spies" had carried out kidnappings and other acts that had been blamed on the Aum cult.

Both groups are categorised as "new religions". Aum says it has about 10,000 members in Japan — a country of 120 million people — and about 40,000 members overseas. Soka Gakkai, which was founded in the 1930s, claims a membership of more than 13 million in Japan and hundreds of thousands abroad.

The group, headed by Daisuke Ikeda, the honorary chairman, is one of Japan's richest and best established Buddhist sects. It wields considerable political power through its sponsorship of Komeito, a political party that recently divided into two separate organisations.

Soka Gakkai last night dismissed Mr Joyu's remarks. "Aum Shinrikyo originally blamed the American military, and then attributed the incidents [terrorist acts and kidnapping of former sect members and their relatives] to the Japanese national authorities. Their attempt now to implicate the Soka Gakkai is inconsistent and ludicrous."

Bombay rents soar above Manhattan's

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY is among the world's most expensive cities. Land prices have risen between 60 and 100 per cent in the past two years and rents make Manhattan look cheap.

Solicitors, airline pilots and headmasters are among the residents of Dharavi, the largest slum in Asia, which is home to destitute middle-classes unable to pay the city's exorbitant rents.

It is difficult to find a decent flat in central Bombay at any price. A small room in the right location can fetch £2,000 a month in a country where the per capita monthly income is around £18. In Malabar Hill and Cumballa Hill, three-bedroom flats fetch £8,000 a month. Commercial rents are in most cases higher than in Tokyo and Hong Kong.

The main problem is housing laws that make it impossible for landlords to evict tenants. Most rents in central Bombay have been frozen at wartime prices.

Maid 'was tortured to confess'

Manila: The daughter of a Filipino maid hanged in Singapore for a double murder said yesterday her mother claimed she was tortured and drugged by police into admitting the crime.

Flor Contemplacion, convicted of killing another maid and a four-year-old boy, was hanged on March 17 causing a political rift between Singapore and the Philippines. Her daughter, Russell, told a presidential commission investigating the case that her mother repeatedly denied the killings. *(AP)*

Thai rail deaths

Prachuap Khiri Khan: Fifteen people were killed and about 100 injured when a Thai passenger train hit a lorry at an unmarked crossing and left the rails about 140 miles south of Bangkok. *(Reuter)*

Tourists traced

Rome: Nine Italian tourists kidnapped on the border of Eritrea and Ethiopia are in good health and being held in Ethiopia's Lake Asale region, an Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. *(AFP)*

Volcano erupts

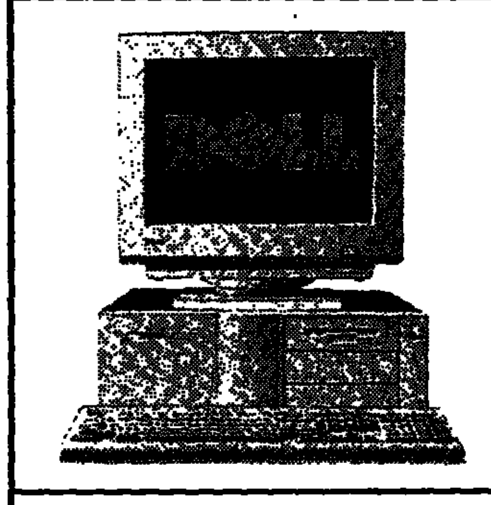
Lisbon: A volcano erupted in Fogo, one of the Cape Verde islands off West Africa. About 1,000 residents in the area left their homes and there were no reports of casualties or damage. *(Reuter)*

Concern for Kim

Seoul: A team of American neurologists has visited North Korea, rekindling rumours about the health of Kim Jong Il, 53, its reclusive leader. He has repeatedly refused to meet foreign visitors. *(AFP)*

Kangaroos dying

Adelaide: About 10,000 kangaroos are believed to have died in New South Wales as a result of a disease that causes blindness. Many have been hit by cars, starved to death or jumped into rivers. *(Reuter)*



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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on porphyria

Enough to send George III mad

NEXT Thursday locks of the hair of Charles I will be auctioned at Bonham salesrooms in London. When the King's tomb was opened in 1813 the hair was snipped from the severed head and beard of the monarch by Sir Henry Halford, who was one of the physicians to George III.

The success of Alan Bennett's play, *The Madness of George III*, and its new film version, means the King's doctors are better remembered for their inhumanity and incompetence when treating his madness than for *their love of historical* artefacts. They may justifiably be blamed for their cruelty but this was the standard approach to lunacy at the time.

George III is thought to have suffered from acute intermittent porphyria, although there is argument as to the exact nature of it. The biochemistry of porphyria metabolism and the different sorts of porphyria were not only beyond the experience of 18th-century doctors but still puzzle today's students. The *Oxford Textbook of Medicine* describes the porphyrias as "inborn errors of metabolism involving aberrations of specific enzymes in the haem biosynthetic pathway": failure of the normal metabolism results in physical and mental symptoms.

Figures for the prevalence of the porphyrias are not available in England, but one survey suggests that one in 50,000 in Scotland suffers from one type or another. For most doctors acute intermittent porphyria is not so much a biochemical problem as an appalling disease producing severe constipation, acute abdominal pain, limb pains and extreme muscle weakness accompanied by severe anxiety, depression and noisy, irrational psychotic behaviour.

In fact, the madness may be of secondary importance when compared with the physical symptoms. The scene of the doctors peering anxiously into the regal chamber pot is not a figment of Bennett's imagination — they were assessing not only his constipation but the colour of the urine.

Alcohol and the Pill can bring on attacks

In patients with acute intermittent porphyria the *urine varies* between dark brown and red, and grows darker on standing.

George III became progressively weaker and took to his bed. Patients during an acute attack develop a severe and generalised muscle weakness: some may even succumb to respiratory paralysis. The heart muscle too is affected, the heart rate increases alarmingly and some patients die of heart failure.

The first attack of acute intermittent porphyria usually occurs in men before the age of 35 — rather earlier in women — and is unusual after 50. The disease is intermittent; complete remission may occur.

TREATMENT is with heavy doses of carbohydrates by mouth, or by intravenous drip to help to correct the biochemical abnormality, anti-psychotic drugs and analgesics. The most important measure of all is to avoid the drugs or lifestyle which bring on attacks. The long list of suspect factors includes the Pill, alcohol, many medicines and stringent dieting.

A life spent fighting Aids

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh talks to a leading researcher about African prostitutes and hopes of a vaccine

MARK PEPPER

Dr Sarah Rowland-Jones: seeing young lives wrecked by Aids turned her career to discovering how the immune system might beat it

In 1984 Dr Sarah Rowland-Jones was training to be a general physician, and expected a conventional career. Now, aged 35, she spends extended periods in Africa studying prostitutes and is one of Britain's leading researchers into HIV and Aids at the Institute of Molecular Medicine in Oxford.

The switch in her career was the result of a short period during her *training spent on the infectious* diseases ward at St George's Hospital, Tooting. "I had only just qualified, and seeing young lives wrecked by this new, unknown disease, Aids, left a huge impression on me. At that time it was almost unheard of for apparently healthy adults to succumb to infections like pneumocystis pneumonia or thrush. I remember one young man told his family his diagnosis and they simply abandoned him; if it had been leukaemia everyone would have rallied round.

"Even in those early years we knew that HIV was causing serious damage to the victims' immune systems. As we learnt more about HIV, we realised that the immune system doesn't just give in to the virus, but fights it for years and years before being overcome."

The question which has fascinated Dr Rowland-Jones ever since is what tips the balance in this struggle and can the immune system ever win it?

Her work has taken her to The Gambia, where HIV-2 rather than the more common HIV-1 is prevalent (it shares about 50 per cent of its genetic code with HIV-1). Here there is a group of prostitutes who have remained HIV-negative despite repeated unprotected sex with high-risk clients. "We wanted to study these women in more detail because it seems that they have either inherited a *special* resistance to *HIV* or acquired a natural immunity to it." They could hold the key to an Aids vaccine.

The Medical Research Council has established a number of research units in the country and two Gambian healthcare workers travel around on mopeds tracking down the women, and offering free medical care in exchange for blood samples. "The researchers are not allowed to take more than about a tablespoonful of blood every six months. This means that our research sometimes moves slowly but the women's clinical care is not overshadowed," says Dr Rowland-Jones.

In almost everyone who becomes infected with HIV, very high levels of virus are found in the blood for a few weeks, after which the levels fall very low for months or years before rising again as full-blown Aids begins to develop. So it seems that most people's *immune systems manage* to hold the infection in check for a variable length of time before being overcome. It is now practically certain that the immune system can, in some circumstances, emerge the victor.

The immune response to HIV is mounted mainly by a particular regiment of immune cells called cytotoxic T-lymphocytes (CTLs), which seek out cells infected with bacteria or viruses and activate their in-built auto-destruct mechanism. CTLs recognise infected cells through an ingenious "shop window" system, in which the infecting organism gets taken apart within the cell and small fragments are hooked onto "display cabinets" known as HLA molecules and carried to the outside of the cell. Passing CTLs recognise the complex of foreign fragment-HLA molecules, and once they have done so, they trigger the production of thousands of *identical CTLs*.

"We found that CTLs of HIV-negative Gambian prostitutes react vigorously to HIV in the laboratory and kill the virus readily," she says. One explanation is that they have been "vaccinated" against the infection, either by taking on tiny amounts of the virus at several successive exposures, or by encountering an unusually weak form of HIV before being exposed to more virulent strains. Another possibility is that these women reacted to the weaker HIV-2 virus some time in the past and triggered CTLs which were active against HIV-1 as well. According to Dr Rowland-Jones, there is growing evidence in favour of this last hypothesis.

Her research effort has recently moved to Nairobi in Kenya, an HIV-1 area, where a small minority of prostitutes have also tested HIV-negative despite high-risk behaviour and whose immune systems also show evidence of having repelled HIV. CTLs from both the Gambian and Kenyan women appear to be reacting against a specific fragment of HIV — a short segment of a vital enzyme, reverse transcriptase, which the virus uses to incorporate its own genetic material into that of its host. While HIV-1 and HIV-2 regularly change their outer cloak to evade new drugs or immune defences, they cannot alter or dispense with reverse transcriptase. Much research into anti-HIV vaccines is now focusing on attaching this crucial fragment of reverse transcriptase to larger molecules which carry it around the bloodstream and attract the attention of CTLs.

Last week's reports from *The New England Journal Of Medicine* of an infant who is has become HIV-negative after being positive, was not unexpected, says Dr Rowland-Jones, but it has boosted the hopes of those working on an anti-HIV vaccine. "I went into research with the full intention of returning to clinical work after a year or so, but I've stayed in immunology because that's where I feel I can do most to alleviate the suffering caused by the virus."

Last night, Britain's Advertising 'Oscars' Ceremony, the National Newspaper Campaign Advertising Awards took place. The award for best colour advertisement of the year was won by Moet & Chandon and Bartle Bogle Hegarty for 'Press', pictured here.

Maurice Saatchi, Chairman of the judges and his distinguished panel of national newspaper editors, creative directors and leading advertisers, were unanimous in selecting Moet & Chandon as the winner.

They considered what makes a great colour ad. Great colour, of course. Lots of style, excellent artwork and reproduction... that goes without saying. But forging a strong message for a brand name as powerful as Moet & Chandon required a blend of quality graphics and memorable words, skills familiar to both journalist and ad-man.

This advertisement commands the eye to linger. Its style is redolent of a sumptuous champagne age. It sells fine wine with period style. And the editors on the judging panel found the attack on "the power of the press" an irresistible play on words!

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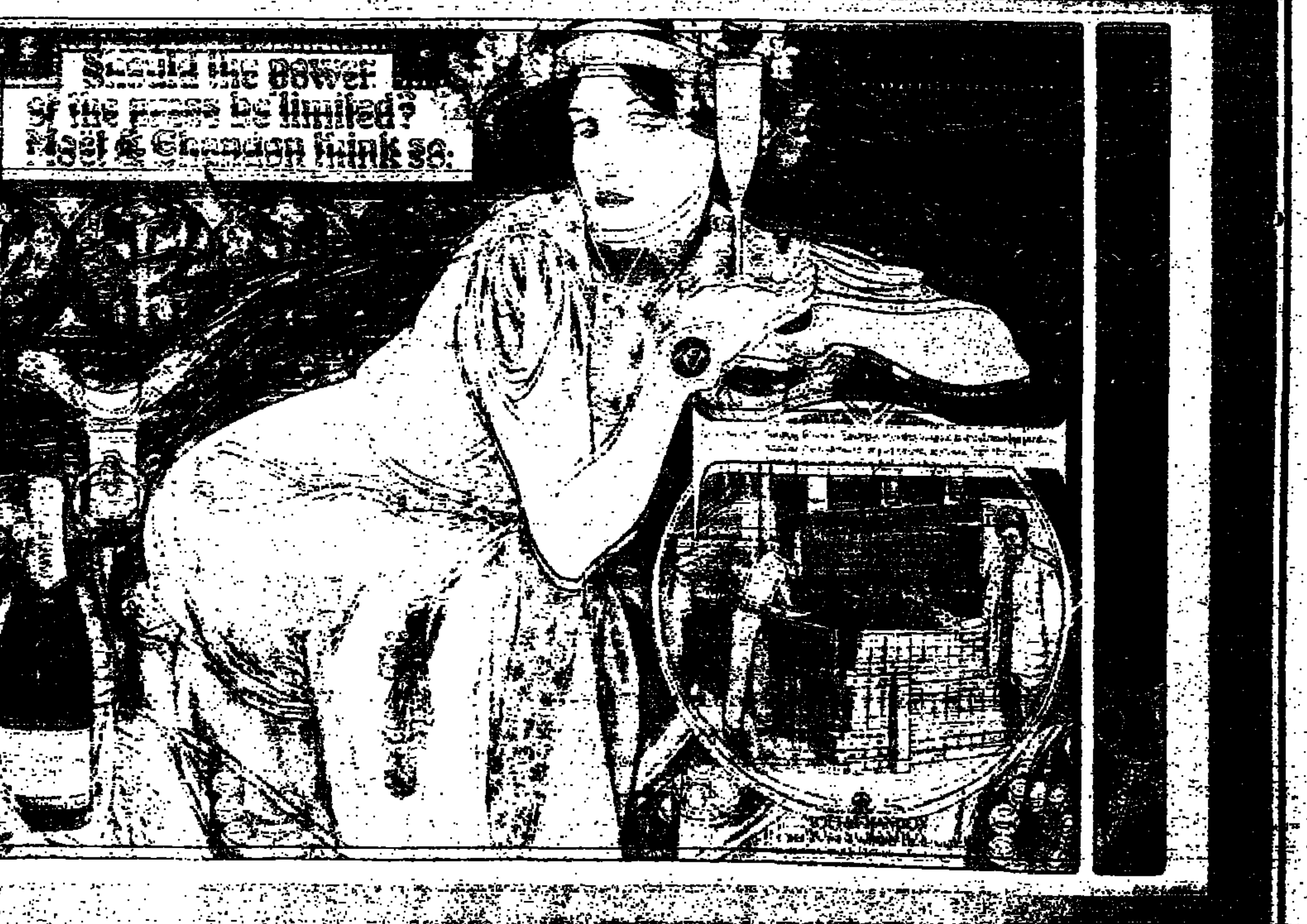

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Of life, death and stuffed cats

Beryl Bainbridge tells **Robert Tewdwr Moss** how *An Awfully Big Adventure* came to be filmed

Beryl Bainbridge's front door shelters behind a cloak of Virginia creeper. There is no bell. No number. Only a heavy Victorian knocker on which you pound sepulchrally like the Commendatore from *Don Giovanni*. After a pause, a slight woman, wrecked but sensual, with shoulder-length chestnut-brown hair appears. She wears black stockings and a knee-length wrap-around dress gathered at the waist with a belt. She has deep pink lipstick, black eyeliner and the cheekbones of a Slav warrior. "You've got hair," she observes in surprise. "You come over bald on the phone."

She conducts me into an intensely gloomy Victorian hallway past rows of black and white pictures of her pale-faced, doe-eyed children standing by crumbling ivy-clad walls, more examples of *memento mori* than celebrations of new life. The hall is mainly taken up by a gigantic stuffed buffalo, while the leg of a shop dummy is propping up some slats in the ceiling. "That's where my mother-in-law tried to shoot me," explains Beryl absently, pouring a large whisky.

Perhaps it was her cold which made her seem depressed or was her mood more existential in its gloom? Perhaps it was the sudden death last year of her publisher Colin Haycraft, which anaesthetised her with shock. "When Colin died I couldn't feel anything. I couldn't even cry. I wanted to, but nothing came. Sometimes I put on sad music and had a drink and thought of him, but all I felt was nothing, coldness."

Almost pathetically she gets out folders of little notes (some of them only little memoranda on the backs of envelopes) which Haycraft sent her over the years: poems in Greek and Latin, letters and, in another brown envelope, a mournful heap of obituaries and newspaper cuttings about his death.

To read Bainbridge's novels is to realise that what lies on the other side of childhood is ultimately horror. *An Awfully Big Adventure* is no exception. The title is a quote from Peter Pan, when, standing on a rock in the lagoon, he declares: "To die must be an awfully big adventure." It is just the sort of line that would capture Bainbridge's imagination, fascinated as she is by the twin subjects of innocence and death.

One of her friends remembers that when one of her cats, Fudding, died, she decided she was going to stuff him herself. "Duckworth, her publishers, had actually published a book called *Taxidermy: a User's Guide*," he recalls. "Fortunately the body went missing." But in the course of our conversation the subject recurs. She tells me she wishes to be buried in her own garden. "Apparently it's quite legal as long as they put you in a wool shroud and they go down a certain number of feet."

The film based on her book is a brilliant and poignant study of the unavoidable loss of innocence when the young actress, Stella (played by Georgina Cates), becomes fatally embroiled with a dashing lead actor (Alan Rickman) and a young director (Hugh Grant) in a Liverpool rep company after the war. Directed by Mike Newall (of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*), it is loosely based on Bainbridge's own experiences at the Liverpool Playhouse as a result of which she fell disastrously in love and married.

Beryl — like Stella in the book — got a job as assistant stage manager because her father knew the Lord Mayor and the Lord Mayor knew the theatre's manager, played in the film by Prunella Scales. "I'd always wanted to write a book with that line as the title," says Bainbridge. "And I've always written about the past. My past mainly."

Awfully came about one night when she found herself drinking alone after a heated discussion with a close friend, in the course of which she had knocked over a pile of books. "I was putting the books back on the shelf and I fell over and knocked myself out on the edge of the table. When I came round I dozily went downstairs and started to phone my mother who died 17 years ago. But instead of my mother I got the speaking clock. It started me thinking." To say more would be to spoil the grotesque twists of a brilliant Bainbridge plot.

The film was shot in Dublin as Liverpool was considered too refurbished and too changed to capture the right air of decay. "In Liverpool then there were children barefoot in winter, and soup kitchens up until 1949. People forget so easily. In those days we all stank, even the lower middle classes. If my mother got the bus, she always sat with her nose in a hanky."

Before I went to interview Beryl Bainbridge, her agent phoned. He said there were lots of good stories and wonderful coincidences about the film. For a start the girl playing Stella was an unknown who, like Beryl as a girl, had been working at the Liverpool Playhouse as an usher. It was quite a sweet story as it seemed to mirror that of both Stella in the film and, ergo, Beryl in real life.

A bit too sweet actually. "It's not true, at all," remarks Beryl tartly. "It's a hoax she made up to get the part. At the end of shooting she broke down and confessed she'd been to the Guildhall. I think she was brought up in Sussex. She'd never set foot in Liverpool in her life."

The interview ends when the cleaner phones for Beryl's cab. Cosmos Cars Camden. "They're all Chinese and none of them speaks English," wails Beryl, preparing herself — with another scotch — to deliver a lecture to some English faculty in the depths of south London. "God, I'm dreading this," she mutters as I escort her to the car. The last I see of her is as the vehicle draws away; her head pops out of a rear window and she points to her old tomcat dragging himself along the street. "Oh look, it's Gerald Duckworth!" she cries. "Just look at him! Can't you see how buggered he's been?"

● An Awfully Big Adventure *is released on Thursday*

MIKE ABRAHAMS

Bainbridge: fascinated by the twin subjects of innocence and death

So sorry you weren't invited

Only the wallflowers got excited about my dance with Rushdie

AS UNSEEMLY *as it might* be for a journalist to admit this, I am beginning to feel rather Stephen Fryish about the press. Must it be so nasty?

Now, while I don't want to slip too fatuously into Michael Winner mode — the columnist as self-publicist is not an attractive spectacle — I cannot entirely choke my response to the press coverage given to my dancing with Salman Rushdie at the launch party for Martin Amis's new novel last week.

This is the story: there is a party: people dance at it. Scoop of the year, surely. The cameras were invited by the publishing company, so one can hardly blame the photographers, and actually I don't. This isn't about intrusiveness: having your photograph taken while dancing is just not something to get excited about or feel ashamed of. I had a great time: nothing to conceal about that. What concerns me rather is what the photographs were used to say later, and the words that accompanied them were, with some exceptions, notably composed by those who hadn't been invited. About which more later.

NIGELLA LAWSON

What the photographers — and their editors — really wanted were pictures of Martin Amis and his new girlfriend. Had they got those, the apparently pressing story of "Salman Rushdie dances at party" would have been kept from you. But that's all they got, so they went with it. But that's not a story so a spin has to be put on it. These days that means finding something mean to say. And so the pictures are captioned with sarcastic remarks about how much "we" are all paying for Special Branch to look on while Mr Rushdie has a good time at a party, along with the usual snide implications.

Why is there so much hatred towards Salman Rushdie? In anyone's scheme of things, going out to a party and getting on down is not a particularly heinous activity. What do people want? For him to stay locked up out of sight? Sometimes I fear that what they want is even worse than that. It is insupportable that this man who is the victim of terrorism is treated as if he were the culprit of some vile crime himself. Why should he have to atone for the sins of his persecutors?

Of course not all the attacks were due to covert racism or copy-hungry opportunism. Some were fired simply by resentment. Those who were, as the parlance has it, NFI (Not F****** Invited, should you need a translation) went in for the kill. I am puzzled that people who weren't at the party saw nothing strange about presuming to give an account of what they didn't witness. No: it's disingenuous to describe myself as puzzled, for surely it's the lack of invitation that explains it all.

Go on, really shock me

EVEN we disco queens must take a rest sometimes: so Sunday night saw me enjoying the skills of others at the Gala of the Dance Umbrella in Woking. After pieces by the Royal Ballet, the Scottish Ballet and Mark Morris *inter alia*, the finale, for reasons I can't really fathom, was a rendition of *Time Warp* by members of *The Rocky Horror Show*. The stage was filled with men in black stockings and high heels, while women in patterned silk and soft perms clapped placidly along with the beat. There's something rather depressing about something that was designed to shock rehashed as material for a suburban singalong.

The making of a Death Row crusader

Unlikely zealot: Clive Stafford Smith, left, once head boy at Radley, with a prisoner

Ben Macintyre on the British lawyer defending Nicholas Ingram

Clive Stafford Smith has defended, by his own estimate, more than 200 inmates of America's Death Row, and has failed to win a reprieve on just three occasions. He watched while two of those died, and remains traumatised by the experience.

This week the British lawyer faces what may be his hardest task in more than a dozen years of campaigning against America's death penalty: attempting to save the life of his fellow countryman, the convicted murderer Nicholas Ingram, who is due to die in Georgia's electric chair on Thursday. Mr Stafford Smith has already filed appeals on Ingram's behalf in virtually every court in the land, from the state level to the Supreme Court.

A civil rights suit issued against the Georgia State Executioner, claiming that electrocution amounts to "cruel and unusual punishment", was due to be heard in a Georgia court yesterday. If that fails, as Mr Stafford Smith confidently predicts, he has one final chance to obtain clemency: when the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles hears Ingram's case the day before his scheduled execution.

A former head boy at Radley College, Mr Stafford Smith appears an unlikely zealot, but as he sat in a New York hotel last week, there was no mistaking the righteous fire of a true believer who discovered his vocation at 16 while writing a school essay on the death penalty. "I can't think of anything that any government does to any individual where the individual is more defenceless and the government more overpowering and the person needs more help," he says.

The guilt or innocence of his clients has never troubled the 35-year-old lawyer, who sees his job as nothing less than a crusade against a barbaric and outdated institution.

The case of Nicholas Ingram, who was convicted of killing a middle-aged Georgia man in 1983, holds particular piquancy for Mr Stafford Smith, not least because the two men were born in the same Cambridge hospital just four years apart.

Issuing writs on an almost daily basis, Mr Stafford Smith is leaving no legal stone unturned in his determination to prevent the convicted murderer and — after a decade of prison visits — his friend from being "fried", a word Mr Stafford Smith uses often. "If the paroles board turns us down I'm going to sue them too," he notes. "Make that the 25th person I'm going to sue."

In New York to receive a public service award from Columbia University, Mr Stafford Smith was modest about a record which has made him one of the most prominent defenders in the American South and, in a part of the country where the death penalty is regarded with almost religious veneration, one of the most reviled.

"My office is viewed as a bunch of pinko communists," Mr Stafford Smith says proudly of his Louisiana Crisis Assistance Centre in New Orleans, from which he coordinates his campaigns.

After toying with journalism as a method of making his views heard, Mr Stafford Smith trained in US law at the University of North Carolina and later at Columbia University. Despite a workload that would make most American lawyers blanch, he is far from wealthy and his law office is financed entirely by charitable donations. With characteristic temerity, Mr Stafford Smith is now suing several southern states for his legal fees.

"What do these people think when some pompous Brit comes and tells them how to straighten up their act?" he laughs. The answer to that question might best be gauged by radio stations in Georgia which have begun holding phone-ins in response to mounting British interest in the Ingram case. The radio host Sean Hannity characterised the public reaction in three words: "Pull the switch."

If that happens, Clive Stafford Smith will be there, thundering protest until the moment the current flows.

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Exorcising the spectre of Hitler

Roger Boyes on why the Russians feared the Führer's bones

AS NAZI Germany crumbled around him, Joseph Goebbels ransacked his imagination and made an uncanny prediction for 1995. "If the Führer dies an honourable death in Berlin and if Europe falls to the Bolsheviks — then in five decades at the latest the Führer will have become a legendary personality and national socialism will have the quality of a myth, blessed by that last great sacrifice."

The mystery of Adolf Hitler's death — revealed in some detail yesterday by *Der Spiegel* — has been the object of some fascination for half a century. The damp, cramped bunker, the flames eating up Berlin, the strange crazed intimacy of Hitler, Eva Braun, the Goebbels family, the crackling communication with the Reich, the physical deterioration of the Nazi leader: all this makes up a drama at once sordid and compelling. The usual comparison is with Wagner's *Twilight of the Gods*, but there was little that was noble or entrancing about those final days underground. Rather, it was bad opera — Puccini perhaps — with a libretto by Von Clausewitz: perfectly logical commands issued out of a chaotic household into an unreceptive darkness as the rumour of war closed in.

'Stalin believed in the force of demonic spirits'

There was black farce too — shortly before the end, the Auschwitz doctor Karl Gebhardt appeared in Hitler's bunker, asking whether he could be appointed president of the German Red Cross. If the Red Cross has a branch in hell, Gebhardt is surely president: he was hanged at Nuremberg.

Goebbels's prognosis was a relatively shrewd one. Certainly it influenced Stalin, who needed much persuasion that Hitler was really dead. Professor (then Squadron Leader) Hugh Trevor-Roper's findings presented in November 1945 were widely accepted in the West. His thorough detective work and cross-examination of witnesses seemed to squash the many rumours that Hitler had escaped from the bunker. Stalin wanted more — he had, after all, the best witnesses, and interrogated them thoroughly. Almost a dozen of these captives were sent back to the site of the bunker in 1946 for a filmed midnight re-enactment of the last days of Hitler. When Stalin was convinced, his chief concern was that the whereabouts of the body should remain a secret. Like all good Georgians he believed in the force of demonic spirits. Hitler was so thoroughly evil that even his bones had to be hidden for ever.

Der Spiegel's account, based on recently discovered communications between the KGB chief Yuri Andropov and the Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev in 1970, is entirely plausible and has been supported by many interviews with direct participants. In this account, the remains of Hitler, his mistress Eva Braun and the Goebbels family (including their six poisoned children) were crammed into five ammunition boxes, driven to Magdeburg and buried in a Soviet military camp. When in March 1970 it seemed that the Soviet base might be handed over to the East Germans, Andropov asked for permission to transfer the bodies to a nearby tank training ground for cremation. Brezhnev approved.

At dead of night, exactly 25 years ago today, five KGB officers dug up the improvised coffins and carried out the order. The historical background of this night-time exhumation was significant: Willy Brandt, the West German Chancellor, had just been greeted by cheering East Germans in Erfurt. Germany was making Russia nervous. What demons had been unbottled by Ostpolitik?

Russia is still ruled by men both anxious about, and respectful of, Germany. Reporting of German affairs in the Russian press is still stamped by memories of the war, by the fear of resurgent nationalism, by the conviction that Germany is the motive force behind Nato's expansion eastwards. There is no more uncertain relationship in world politics than that of the "good friends" Boris Yeltsin and Helmut Kohl. Hitler's bones still matter in a country which has mummified Lenin.

The Russians have consistently underestimated Germany's ability to develop a proper democratic culture. But they were probably right to take Goebbels's prediction at face value — a grave or a tomb to Hitler would be dangerous indeed. Even the hard-nosed Westerner has an uneasy feeling in the concrete tunnels under Hitler's holiday home at Berchtesgaden.

GOEBBELS was very eager to arrange the proper kind of death for his master. It had to reclaim, as Goebbels saw it, the lost nobility of Hitler. Alive, Hitler in those final days was a stooped, stubbled, grey, barely sane 55-year-old, his tunic flecked with grease. Dead, Hitler could be the beacon for a reborn Germany. The order went out to set up werewolf units of young Germans to form the nucleus of a new nationalist movement. For them, and others, a lasting heroic figure had to emerge from the rubble. Goebbels read aloud chunks of Thomas Carlyle's biography of Frederick II of Prussia. The Prussian king — whose portrait hung in Hitler's bunker bedroom — decided that unless the Seven Years War shifted in his favour by February 1762, he would kill himself with poison. Fortunately, the Russian Tsaritsa died on January 5. Her son was an admirer of Frederick.

Hitler cried when he heard this. He wanted so much to be a latter-day Frederick. For him, though, there was to be no last-minute salvation. The Russians, in their own conspiratorial way, did the right thing by this pathetic tyrant: his ashes no doubt merged with the dark heavy clouds of industrial smoke that slowly poisoned the East German state.

Beggar thy neighbour

The courts are full of people who want the people next door to go to hell

Bernard Levin

Who was that nuisance who said *De minimis non curat lex*? A likely story! Well, whoever he was, he must have been not quite off his rocker, or at least determined to bring down our entire legal system. The truth is that the lex curats like billyo from morning till night, and there isn't a square inch left to put down a minimus or two. And if you don't believe me, go and ask District Judge John Turner, who has just presided over a case which lasted 11 days, on every day of which His Honour must have come close to asking the usher to pass him a large bowl of prussic acid and a ladle.

I have been at this business — writing columns for *The Times* — for 23 years, and I am dreadfully certain that in every one of those years there has been at least one month (some years a dozen) in which I could, if I was mad enough to do it, make at least half my columns out of court cases based on disputes between neighbours. I have carefully catalogued 167 cases of claims that Mr Higgenbottem's trees are encroaching on Mrs Bottenhig's hedges, 244 instances of Mr Wallop's parking space being invaded, 1,031 demands from the family Smith-Smythe to end the stenches coming from their chickens, and 18,909 violent retaliations in the cases of untrained dogs.

And yet they come. This time it is the Swainstons v the Foxes, and there is no half-time. What there is, of course, is invariably a draw; these catastrophes *always* end up with both sides wearing bloody noses and both sides, of course, almost ruined. (The legal fees for both sides came to £50,000. Natch.)

Let us now get down to the Swainstons and the Foxes, and what they got up to. In case I might get entangled in the details of who is who (why is why, I could never hope to know), I shall recite the catalogue of horror without apportioning names, and I shall call all the participants by the name of Hate One and Hate Two.

Very well. Hostilities between Mr Hate One erupted when the Hate Twos moved in nearly three years ago. Within hours, Mr Hate One was complaining about rubbish being piled in the driveway.

The bitterness escalated as offensive graffiti apppeared outside the Hate Twos' home. At one stage the police were being called up to five times a day.

The court was told that Mr Hate One had kept a diary as the vendetta between the neighbours gathered pace. By the time it came to court there were almost 1,000 entries. Most related to noise from Mr Hate Two's dog, radios and motorbike. Among the catalogue of incidents was one in which Mr Hate One siphoned the water from Mr Hate Two's water butt. Once, seven policemen were needed to restrain Mr Hate One. Next Mr Hate Two bought a caravan and parked it in his drive, blocking Mr Hate One's view.

A twist was added to the court proceedings when Mr Hate Two's parents gave evidence against their son — they said that they had moved to North Devon to get away from him. At the end of the case, the judge ordered that Mr Hate Two should only play his radio with his garage door closed, should not touch a fence between the two properties and must not let his down-pipe overflow into his neighbours' garden. The judge was also critical of the amount of time the case had taken and said there should be a way to nip in the bud such disputes. He added that the case was the "most wretched and miserable neighbours' dispute to come before me".

That, I assure you, is only a smattering of the horrors of this case; I have left the worst bits out, because I am not (though it may seem to you otherwise) simply intending to make your flesh creep. Indeed I am not even pointing a finger, or talking about vendettas and hatreds and sworn oaths. I am talking about human beings, and how extraordinary they are, or can be.

We all start with a variety of feelings, passions, instincts; these are not to be confused with intelligence, even genius. The creature called a human being has a substantial number of possibilities as soon as it understands what existence means, and it can use it, or abuse it, as it chooses.

Somewhere, there must be a gene that deals with place; indeed, there certainly is, and it is surely the oldest and most intractable. One of the most familiar cartoons — it is probably the runner-up to the desert-island one — is the picture of the cave-man with his club. But there can be no cave-man without a cave. That fascinating book, *The Territorial Imperative*, was a huge success in the United States, and another in Britain. And that was not by chance, because the book sang the praises of place, of home, of roots, of familiar signs: why, was not one of the most familiar statements ever made "Here I stand, I can do no other"? And on a less awesome plane, it only takes half a dozen people coming together to have at least one of them mention his home.

We can spread the idea wider still: it is *not* another joke for the cartoonist (though the cartoonist, again, blesses its existence) that very many homes — not only the retired majors' — are christened Dunromin. Indeed, the very idea of giving a house a name might be thought odd, yet no one — no one in this country, at least — thinks that it is strange.

But James Elroy Flecker did not think it strange at all:

Half to forget the wandering and the pain,
Half to remember days that have gone by,
And dream and dream that I am home again!

And if you think that is too highbrow there is always

Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.

Many, many years ago, I was invited by an American newspaper to join it: the invitation came with a substantial stipend, a five-year contract and an apartment. I was greatly tempted, but I knew in my heart I would say no, and I did. (As it happens, it would have been impossible anyway, because I couldn't drive a car — I still can't — and the picture on the the unbelieving faces round the table when I, somewhat tentatively, said that I had never sat behind the wheel of a car — *in America!* — will remain with me all my life.)

There must be countless people who, coming back from, say, a greatly enjoyed holiday, nevertheless find themselves on the edge of tears when they see their home, and rush into it and touch the furniture. But that is why I told you, some paragraphs ago, that the worst quarrels, short of murder (and quite frequently *not* short of murder), are those which concern homes, and *that* is why sane and level human beings are willing to spend the last penny they have, and borrow more that they haven't, to make sure that no enemy will touch their redoubt. (It is obvious for castles to have been invented; but it was the genius who invented the moat who is blessed for evermore.)

There is an American saying that goes "Stout fences make good neighbours", and no one would deny its truth. I have to admit that although I have lived in the same house for more than 30 years, I do not know who are the people who live in the house adjacent on my left, and I would not know those on my right as well, were it not for the fact that it is a doctor's, and the going and coming makes it obvious.

And thus I come back to where I started, with the judge still groaning, as well he may.

How easy it looks to say "it doesn't matter" when it is other people who are involved; how absurd it is to dig in when it is not your spade.

Look at these words, and don't tell me that I exaggerate; they refer to Mr Hate One. He and his family "put their life savings into bringing the case to court and will have to find the remaining quarter of their legal bills themselves . . . This has been two and a half years of absolute misery and we just want to get on with having a quiet life . . . fingers crossed, *that* is what we can now have . . ."

As for Mr Hate Two, well, ". . . I don't know how we will pay the costs but we will not be moving away from the area, even if we have to go into a council house . . . we are shocked at all that has happened and at how I have been painted as some kind of madman . . ."

And for an *envoi*? How about "Two wrongs don't make a right, but two hates can go on hating till the end of time"?

No critic's turn unstoned

Benedict Nightingale defends his craft

Who said that asking a playwright how he felt about critics was like asking a lamppost how it felt about dogs? Christopher Hampton, I think; but it has become increasingly apparent of late that his view is widely shared, and not only by dramatists.

Tony Slattery used Sunday's Olivier Awards to attack critics as, variously, "barking bloody mad", "a prat", "boss-eyed" and worse. And that tirade came a month after we were bad-mouthed for cruelty to another comic. Reportedly, it was a review of *Cell Mates* that called Stephen Fry "the all-time façade, so damnably English and perplexingly inexpressive" which provoked his hurried exit from the play and the country.

We dish it out, we should take it. Indeed, it would probably do everyone good if there was more criticism of the critics, though it might help if the likes of Slattery were clearer about their objections. As any cub reviewer knows, there are more complete ways of analysing someone's faults than calling him names.

Still, I don't think we critics should abase ourselves for fear of offending Slattery. Nor should we start lying about our feelings — for this is what is implicitly demanded — on the off-chance that they may send performers to the Low Countries in berets and dark glasses. If we have anything to apologise about, it is that we are too generous and too much in love with the theatre. If we shortchange anyone, it is not playwrights or comedians, but those to whom we are primarily responsible: the public.

That is not to deny that ours is a fallible profession. Clement Scott called Ibsen's *Ghosts* a "wretched, loathsome, deplorable history" which no decent man should let his wife see. But Archer and Shaw, both critics, ensured a more favourable view prevailed. Harold Pinter's *Birthday Party* was dismissed by almost everybody. So was Edward Bond's *Saved*, mainly because of a scene in which hooligans stoned a baby. But Harold Hobson and Penelope Gilliatt, also critics, rescued each reputation.

Individual critics have been narrow and idle. James Agate often nodded off during performances, unapologetically telling a dramatist who had craved an opinion of his play: "Young man, sleep *is* an opinion." Yet he did, more than anyone to win Chekhov acceptance in Britain. And reviewers haven't always fought the temptation to be smart at others' expense: "Katharine Hepburn ran the whole gamut of emotion from A to B"; "I have knocked everything but the knees of the chorus girls, and nature has anticipated me there."

But such casual savagery, more common in America than England, has all but disappeared. Indeed, its last practitioner is probably John Simon of *New York* magazine, who has dismissed careers in offhand phrases ("a terrible actress") and recently caused uproar by suggesting that Mandy Patinkin looked too much like a Jew in a Nazi cartoon to be a convincing Leontes. Frank Rich, lately the *New York Times* drama critic, is an acute, responsible writer who became known as "the butcher of Broadway" only because of his paper's unique influence on the box-office.

Even Slattery would run out of yob insults if he lived in New York. There, one critic probably has more power over actors' lives than all 12 leading critics do here. When a man who disliked Shaw had the job, virtually no Shaw was played in New York. But anybody who reads the British critics' reviews in *Theatre Record* will be struck by the diversity of their tastes. Views on Fry in *Cell Mates*, for instance, ranged from "dud" to "magnificent", and on Slattery in *Neville's Island* from "one-note" to "marvellously malevolent".

Proof that no critic's likes or hates should be regarded as holy writ? Certainly. But reviewers have other functions than to judge. They must describe, inform, analyse and interpret; work out the aims of dramatists and directors; and place performances in a continuing tradition. Most of us try to offer our readers some objective evidence before reaching what is, of course, a personal verdict.

And if I am to believe friends who (unlike most critics) aren't manic theatrephiles, those verdicts often err on the kind side. How can impresarios invariably plaster their theatre façades with at least one "superb" or "brilliant"? If you had believed the majority of reviewers last year, Jonathan Harvey's *Beautiful Thing* and Terry Johnson's *Dead Funny* were modern masterpieces, instead of what they surely were: quite promising and quite amusing.

When a producer called him a pinhead, the critic George Jean Nathan refused to believe it: "because pinhead has two syllables". Maybe we should treat Slattery's use of "barking" with similar respect. Alternatively, we might bark louder and bite harder.

For myself, his attack has got me thinking — and thinking I should be a bit more of a four-letter word.

What ho, Blair

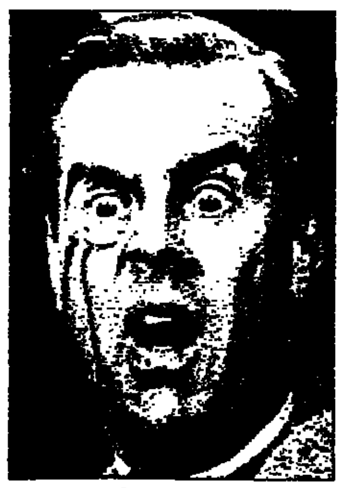
FINAL PROOF of Tony Blair's departure from the world of trade unions, working men's clubs and socialism comes courtesy of the P.G. Wodehouse Society. He has just signed up as a member.

An article in *The Times* which exposed him as an admirer of Bertie Wooster, Gussie Fink-Nottle and their ilk seems to have done the trick. After it appeared in February, he was approached by the society to become an honorary member and readily accepted.

The decision is likely to win him votes, says Richard Morris, chairman of the society. "I will be trying to get the society to vote as a block for him at the election. I am sure he will have an advantage now he is a member." Blair's membership will be announced in the next issue of the society's newsletter. Later this year, he will be asked to unveil a plaque at Threepwood House in Hampshire, where Wodehouse lived for ten years.

Labour supporters never featured large in Wodehouse's upper-crust capers. But in one short story, Bertie Wooster's pal Bingo Little becomes an enthusiastic member of a loony-left group, Heralds of the Dawn. He joins in order to pursue Charlotte Corday Rowbotham, daughter of the group's leader.

The news of Blair's membership comes as little surprise to Sir Tim Rice, that inveterate Wodehouse fan, who has just been appointed chairman of Richmond and Barnes Conservatives: "Tony Blair is a Conservative really, you see. I'm amazed he hasn't joined before. It'll be the MCC next."


Wooster image: Blair's vote

● *Derek Lewis, the Director-General of the Prison Service, owned up to another escape on Friday. In a letter to an MP, he described how a donkey went missing from Thorn Cross young offender institution near Warrington, projected site of the first British "boot camp". Four members of staff spent about half an hour searching . . . but failed to find it. The animal, which inmates look after on behalf of a donkey sanctuary, was later recaptured by police and prison staff at a cost to public funds of more than £75.*

Kettle on

POLLY TOYNBEE has been dithering over her planned departure from the BBC, where she was social affairs editor, for *The Independent*. So much so that she cancelled the leaving party she was to have held at her south London home on Friday night.

Her concern seems to have been prompted because of uncertainty about the fate of Ian Hargreaves, the Editor of *The Independent*, who appointed her as an associate editor.

"She cancelled because she wasn't 100 per cent certain that she was leaving. She was concerned about the uncertainty at *The Independent*," says an erstwhile BBC colleague. "Now she has decided she is leaving. She's told everyone she will have a leaving party after Easter." In the meantime, Toynbee is holidaying in Italy.

THE TIMES DIARY

Networking

NO SNUB was intended, they say, but President Clinton was conspicuously absent from Washington yesterday when John Major arrived in the capital. Instead of greeting the Prime Minister, he decided to stay home in Arkansas and watch a game of basketball.

It was a key match last night: the universities national championships' final between his favoured team, the Arkansas Razorbacks, and the University of California (UCLA). "He wanted to watch it back home with his friends," says a Washington source. "Which means he'll be cutting it pretty fine to get to the White House for lunch with Major the next day."

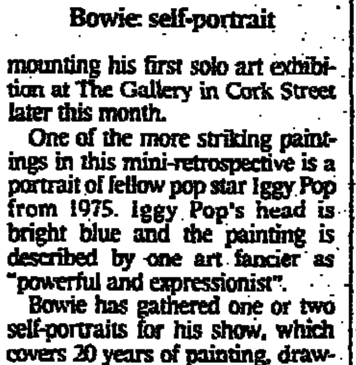
Party planner

JONATHAN Aitken, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, may be under pressure from the media over his alleged involvement in the arms-to-Iran saga but he is still in favour on the back benches. His house in London is in demand for functions. And the former Education Secretary, John Patten, has decided to commandeer Aitken's ballroom to launch *Things to Come*, his book on the future of the Tory Party.

According to close friends, Patten thought the grandeur of Aitken's home was just the setting for his definitive treatise. There is also the advantage that he can cram a few more guests into Aitken's house than into his own London residence. "You can only fit 70 people into mine at the most — and that's if you hold your stomach in," he told a friend. "It's far more suitable all round to have it in Jonathan's house."

Stardust

THE GLACIAL gallery girls in London's West End are uncommonly excited. David Bowie is mounting his first solo art exhibition at The Gallery in Cork Street later this month.


Bowie: self-portrait

One of the more striking paintings in this mini-retrospective is a portrait of fellow pop star Iggy Pop from 1975. Iggy Pop's head is bright blue and the painting is described by one art fancier as "powerful and expressionist".

Bowie has gathered one or two self-portraits for his show, which covers 20 years of painting, drawing and print-making. "The portraits are only of his body, not his head," says his agent. "They are self-referential." Quite.

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CITIZEN CHIRAC

The Mayor of Paris has turned French politics on its head

The French presidential election campaign does not even begin, officially, until the end of this week. But in another sense, it is half over. From a standing start at the beginning of the year, Jacques Chirac has not only firmly established himself as the man to beat: he has defined the terms of the contest.

He argues for a clean break with the Mitterrand years. He has thus deftly put the Socialist, Lionel Jospin, at a disadvantage, and forced Edouard Balladur to desert the politics of consensual prudence in which he is naturally at home. He has stolen a march on the Left by proclaiming Left and Right to be obsolete terms, and he has reinvented himself as the politician who, precisely because he has such long experience of governing, can most effectively bridge the gulf between the political establishment and the things that matter to ordinary people.

This is all fascinating to politicians, not least in Britain. But the more important question for France's neighbours is whether the outcome will make any real difference to the way France is run, the way it looks at the world — or to the character of the electoral debates unfolding in Italy, Belgium and Spain. It is tempting to assume that elections in Western Europe do not much matter to neighbouring countries. Whoever wins, after all, Europe's democracies no longer fight each other; and in most of these countries, their establishments are adept at bringing politicians' electoral promises of radical change "back to reality" once the voters have gone home. Many members of France's élite agree with Alain Minc that this would also be true of M Chirac, who would soon be forced to concede that "we can only become competitive by importing the German model". On this argument, the only vital issue for an ally is reliability in moments of crisis such as the Gulf War.

In France's case, it already appears clear that the Frenchman who presides over the next European summit, this June in Cannes, will chart a new French strategy towards the European Union. Whoever wins, President Mitterrand's enthusiasm for federalism, based as it was on confidence that France could control Europe's destiny, seems set to be his least durable legacy. The tone of the election campaign is in this respect unmistakable: the future French President will argue for more assertive common European policies — but with national governments rather than common institutions in the driving seat. In foreign policy most Frenchmen are Gaullists now, although this does not imply the collapse of the Franco-German axis. It was, after all, de Gaulle who published the banns for the Franco-German marriage, and French politicians still believe that German power is best managed within the tight embrace of love.

But the new French emphasis on the intergovernmental character of European cooperation will have enormous bearing on Europe's future. The importance of a Chirac victory would be that he is the man most able to articulate it in ways that attract solid popular support. Both M Balladur and M Chirac are converts to a "flexible" Europe based on shifting, interest-based coalitions, and M Balladur has gone out of his way to insist that the Europe of the future "cannot be federal in nature". But M Balladur has yet to say how this can be squared with his policy of economic and therefore political union with Germany at the earliest possible date. A distancing from the European Commission and Parliament would be even harder to detect should Lionel Jospin defy the long odds against victory. He is a quintessential Clause Four Socialist, with all the faith in the EU's social charter and the mantra of "solidarity" which that implies.

A Chirac victory would not guarantee a meeting of minds across the Channel. When M Chirac inveighs against the powers of the European Commission, for example, there is more than a hint of hostility to attempts by Brussels to control French subsidies to uncompetitive industries. But France is never harder to deal with than when it is in one of its fits of national gloom, and M Chirac has the dynamism to tackle the country's most pressing domestic challenges. Public disaffection with politics is a Europe-wide phenomenon. If France discovers a new lease of life post-Mitterrand, it could affect the climate beyond its frontiers.

MAJOR'S MUSE

Churchill's biographer advises another Prime Minister

The presence of the distinguished scholar Martin Gilbert on John Major's trip to Washington is a small but intriguing political development. Mr Gilbert, who is best known for his magisterial eight-volume biography of Churchill, was a guest on Mr Major's recent trip to Israel, during which he made a considerable impression upon the Prime Minister. An intellectual bond seems to have arisen between the two men. Why, it may be asked, has Mr Major turned to a fine historian at this stage in his fortunes?

Much can be learnt about the powerful from the people whose cerebral company they keep. Often, of course, they surround themselves with formidable intellects to add lustre and cultural authority to their régimes. The Emperor Augustus adored the company of poets, for instance, just as Joseph II flaunted his patronage of Mozart. In recent times, Western leaders have often had recourse to hand-picked academic gurus who think the unthinkable on their behalf. Margaret Thatcher enjoyed a flexible association with a number of Conservative academics. Bill Clinton has been influenced by the ideas of his Oxford contemporary and now Labour Secretary, Robert Reich. However pragmatic a politician, there are always occasions when an idea gleaned from a helpful thinker can capture the public imagination. Mr Major is said to be trawling the groves of academe for helpful suggestions at the moment.

From time to time, a ruler's guru also becomes his muse. So it was between Alexander the Great and Aristotle, who inspired the young conqueror to carry the *Iliad* with him as he took on the world. Charlemagne's intellectual friendship with the Anglo-Saxon scholar Alcuin went far beyond mere patronage, as did Frederick II's stormy association with Voltaire. In such cases, brainpower can be an enthralling diversion from the cares of office. It can make sense of daunting responsibility. At the very least, it can make the mighty feel a little better about themselves.

A closer parallel to Mr Major's affinity with Mr Gilbert may be John F. Kennedy's relationship with Arthur Schlesinger, who was the force behind the young President's hypnotic oratory and — some alleged — the true author of his prose. Nor was it an accident that Schlesinger was an historian, who had already won a Pulitzer Prize in his twenties. After Kennedy's death, his adviser played a vital role in the mythologising of the Camelot years. Along with William Manchester, Schlesinger became one of the most prominent chroniclers of the presidency and an apostle for the assassinated Commander-in-Chief. As an historian, he perhaps performed a greater service for Kennedy after his death than during his life.

Mr Major is said to have a keen eye to posterity and a sense of his role in history which has sadly eluded most of his contemporaries. Mr Gilbert's presence on this trip will not restore the Government's electoral fortunes or repair the special relationship between Britain and America. It may, however, reassure Mr Major that his side of the story will be put to future generations in an even-handed way. And who better than Churchill's biographer to give a fair account of a Conservative Prime Minister's struggle against adversity?

LIFE WITH THE COLISEUM

Of the ENO, Schnittke and operatic ups and downs

The deranged Vova, in Schnittke's opera *Life with an Idiot*, has but a meagre vocabulary. "Ekh!" is all he said and sang — disconcertingly and often — at the British premiere on Saturday. "Ekh!"

Critics have responded to the English National Opera's production with a fuller range of words than Vova's. Our own Rodney Milnes wrote yesterday that it had been "a depressing evening: an important work heedlessly traduced". The production, he lamented, is "needlessly over-elaborate, and near-fatally obscures the work's dour content". Sabre-toothed criticism was directed also at the ENO's technical ineptitude. *Pravda*'s vitriol after the premiere of Shostakovich's *The Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk* — to which Schnittke's work is a clever satirical successor — would have been entirely apt at the Coliseum: "confusion instead of music".

Our message to the ENO's general director Dennis Marks, however, is to seek solace in the history of his *milieu*: he must know by now that operatic disaster is as old as opera itself. Few art forms are as tangled and complicated as opera is, and no other is as richly endowed in potential for misadventure. The sets are grand and the singers still grander. There are costumes to be confected, choruses to be tamed, and orchestras to be won over. Above all, there is the audience: it comes well-dressed and packed with expectations; and unlike the theatre, to which it goes for meaning and revelation, from opera it demands fine spectacle.

There was something endearing (and rather gawky) in the announcement by the management on Saturday that "a technical rehearsal" was at the root of the 20-minute delay in the start. Rehearsal, naturally, was an ill-chosen word in the context; "hitch" or "glitch" might have been more reassuring to the audience. For whole books have been written on the hitches and glitches which stud the history of opera.

Horses have been known to leave their mark on stage: memorably so in one production of *Boris Godunov*, where the simpleton bemoaned the fate of Mother Russia by a mound of manure. In *Rigoletto*, the Duke of Mantua has on occasion swallowed his moustache in the midst of *Questa o quella*. And at the premiere of *The Barber of Seville*, Don Basilio fell through a trapdoor, just one of many accidents on the night. The hiccups at *Life with an Idiot* were neither new to opera nor the worst on record. In years to come, those present will remember the occasion much more fondly. Where were you, Daddy, when the bath with the baritone in it dangled only halfway down from the ceiling at the Coliseum?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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European travel without passports

From Mr Nigel H. C. Ward

Sir, Your leader, "Jeux sans frontières" (March 27), rightly points out how it has been made progressively easier to travel between many of the countries of mainland Europe, long before the Schengen agreement was implemented (report, March 25).

Many of us travelling between the UK and France by air often have merely to hold up our passports at immigration control; rarely are they handed to or even opened by the customs officer. However, you assert that Schengen should not be implemented in Great Britain for a variety of reasons, none of which I find convincing.

There is no difference to the restrictions and controls that need apply to flights arriving at, say, Frankfurt from the US or Asia than to those arriving at Heathrow. There is no complaint now from the main airports in the UK about carrying the cost of receiving passengers who wish to fly on to Birmingham or Edinburgh.

Anyone who has recently travelled either by ferry or *Le Shuttle* knows that the immigration procedures are minimal, unlikely to prevent any determined felon from entering our country.

Of course careful control procedures must be maintained for all travellers entering Europe from non-EU countries, but nothing will be achieved by restricting the movement of EU citizens in and out of Great Britain.

To do so would be to add to the growing list of differences between ourselves and our partners. Those who wish this to happen would be the first to complain about unnecessary delays when they next tried to start their summer holidays in France, Spain, Italy and elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL H. C. WARD
40 rue des Vignerons,
94300 Vincennes, Paris.
March 31.

From Mr Brian Hutchinson

Sir, I am British and proud to be so, but I am also a European. I travel extensively in Europe, attempt to speak French and Spanish and I feel comfortable as a citizen of a member country of the EC. I was in Berlin during the momentous events leading up to the fall of the Berlin Wall. On unification night Elgar as well as Beethoven was played, and it felt good to be amongst friends, to be European and yet no less British.

To pass through the EC's international frontiers, with a smile rather than a formal reading of my passport details, would give me a feeling of immense pleasure and pride. It is a great shame that the strident minority seems to be setting the agenda for the silent majority. Once again, Britain seems to be on the outside looking in.

Yours sincerely,
B. HUTCHINSON,
11 Ferndale Road, SW4.
March 31.

From Mr D. A. Heaton

Sir, I have travelled through the Channel ports to France regularly over the last 20 years. Yesterday, unprecedentedly, I waited in a queue at Calais for nearly half an hour to have my passport checked by French immigration control.

Was it coincidental that the Schengen agreement was implemented on the previous day? Are we already paying the price for an emerging second-class membership of the European Union?

Yours faithfully,
D. A. HEATON
(Headmaster),
The Junior School,
St Lawrence College,
Ramsgate, Kent.
March 28.

From Mr Michael Saxby

Sir, Travel within the group of seven Schengen nations no longer incurs checks at national frontiers. However, the police in each Schengen nation will be able to demand proof of identity anywhere within its own borders (report, March 25). It seems that the freedom to cross borders without a passport is to be bought at the cost of having to carry identity documents all the time.

I am more than happy to carry a passport when I cross to France, but I want to retain the freedom to walk to my village shop without carrying an identity card. We must not concede that freedom under pressure from Brussels.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SAXBY,
Southlands, Stowmarket Road,
Woolpit, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
March 31.

Advantages of single-sex schools

From the Principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College

Sir, Charles Bush, the Headmaster of Eastbourne College, writes (letter, March 30) of the college's decision to admit girls. However, the modern world, unfortunately, is not one "where both sexes compete equally". In fact, women still struggle for equal recognition of their talents and abilities.

In a girls' school all is provided for girls — laboratories, libraries and sports facilities. There is no question of some subjects being boys' subjects, nor is there any danger of them abandoning the computer room under male pressure.

Most girls will do better in an environment where they can take all the responsibilities and leadership roles and see female role models in senior positions. They need time and opportunity to build up their confidence before discovering that, as Nigella Lawson put it, "the male ego is a fragile thing and cannot cope with female competition" (March 28) and risk being put out of the race before they are even in it.

Yours faithfully,
ENID CASTLE,
Principal,
The Cheltenham Ladies' College,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
April 2.

From Mr M. B. Fisher

Sir, In his justification of co-education, or his school's decision to opt for it, the Headmaster of Eastbourne College leaves unanswered two questions. Why do the league tables unambiguously show that the highest attainment is to be found at single-sex schools? And why did our predecessors, who created the schools which we inherit, segregate the sexes at adolescence?

It is not good enough to talk about co-education as a "trend" which is "gathering momentum" and which "mirrors" society. Education has suffered enough from this kind of language. It is not the job of a school to mirror society, nor is it the job of a headmaster to follow whatever trends happen to be gathering momentum. It is his job to decide what is educationally desirable. Co-education, on current evidence, is not.

Yours,
M. B. FISHER
(Deputy Sixth Form Master,
Downside School),
7 Bath Road,
Norton St Philip, Bath, Avon.
April 3.

From the Headmaster of Moira House School

Sir, As Headmaster of one of the few remaining all-girls' schools in this area of the South Coast, I cannot agree with Charles Bush's letter.

There has been a deluge of announcements over recent years of former boys' schools taking girls. All businesses face economic pressures in this recession and any school has the right to develop and change in order to try to keep its share of the market. One does sometimes question, however, the educationally philosophical statements which are made with these announcements.

The fact that girls achieve so much more in a single-sex environment is well known. Indeed, the article by the President of the Girls' Schools Association stated the evidence most clearly ("Why we need girls' schools", Education, March 27).

Like Charles Bush, we also respond to parents' wishes and will continue to offer single-sex education for young women to prepare them effectively for their adult life, during which we trust they will help improve society. Mirroring society has not often proved the way of improving it.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN UNDERWOOD,
Headmaster,
Moira House School,
Upper Carlisle Road,
Eastbourne, Sussex.
March 31.

Right to silence

From Mr Adrian Zuckerman

Sir, There is nothing wrong with expecting a suspect to answer questions, provided the interrogation is fair (letters, March 24, 31). But the Criminal Justice Act 1994 makes no provision for the fairness.

One of the most basic requirements of fairness is that before being required to defend oneself one should be given information about the case that one has to answer. Moreover, it is inherently unsafe to build a case on what a suspect says on being arrested, when he may be nervous, emotional and confused.

Solicitors would therefore be justified to advise clients to reserve their reaction until they have calmed down and until the police have put their cards on the table.

No doubt, this may help some guilty persons escape punishment. But for as long as we believe that it is better to let ten guilty go free than convict one innocent, this is the price we have to pay for fair and just procedures.

It should also be remembered that, should we be unfortunate enough to be taken to a police station, each and every one of us would like to receive fair treatment.

Yours truly,
A. ZUCKERMAN,
University College, Oxford.
March 24.

New Model Army

From Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP for Brent North (Conservative)

Sir, Despite the fact that Sir John Nott's letter was printed on April 1, I was intrigued by his suggestion that new military units should be set up based on popular football clubs.

As a schoolmaster for 23 years I recognise the British adolescent male as a dangerous creature unless he is brought under control by loyalty to freely-chosen voluntary units. Once we had the drill halls, now according to Sir John we could have the popular soccer clubs.

I suggested in my recent book *Speaking My Mind* — not published on April 1 — that all 14-18-year-old youths should have to join a local uniformed organisation and attend one evening a week, one weekend a month and one week a year in camp and compete in all activities against other local groups in sports and exercises.

Sir John's idea is more imaginative. At one stroke we could end all football hooliganism and have the fittest and best trained youths in Europe. This would certainly frighten the Spanish fishermen.

I have the honour to remain,
your obedient servant,
RHODES BOYSON,
House of Commons.
April 3.

Matter of taste

From Mr A. H. Lee

Sir, Mrs Gentian Walls remarks (letter, March 31) that vegetarians rarely reciprocate courtesy to visitors by offering "a decent piece of meat".

I fear there is no such thing.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. LEE,
3 Broad Street, Llandovery, Dyfed.
April 2.

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Planning maze

From Mr G. Roland Adamson

Sir, The latest planning fiasco reported in your columns ("Oast restorer takes local dispute to Strasbourg", March 21), involving the rebuilding of an oast house, clearly demonstrates that the planning system in this country is long overdue for public scrutiny.

The number of planning appeals reported in the press is totally insignificant compared to those which occur on a country-wide basis — almost 20,000 every year, using the Department of the Environment's own statistics.

Any planning code which permits the designation of a ruin, refurbished to a useful purpose, as "a dangerous planning precedent" and which states that it must be demolished "in the national interest" is clearly more deserving of authorship by Lewis Carroll than by sensible and caring administrations.

Yours faithfully,
G. ROLAND ADAMSON,
Ivy Cottage, Charing Hill,
Charing, Ashford, Kent.
March 23.

Age plateau

From Dr T. C. Dann

Sir, Dr Simon Wessely is wrong in stating that the age of puberty, after having fallen steadily since the middle of the last century, has now reached a plateau ("Are we really getting more miserable?", March 21). He does not say whether he is discussing puberty in boys, girls or both, but presumably he means girls, since most of the data available concerns them.

Professor D. F. Roberts and I have shown in several articles, the latest in the *Journal of Biosocial Science*, 1993, volume 25, that the trend towards earlier menarche (puberty in girls) was reversed about twenty years ago and the age is now not steady, but in fact slowly increasing.

Yours sincerely,
T. C. DANN,
37 Balsall Street East,
Balsall Common, West Midlands.
March 21.

Judges' retirement age

From His Honour Judge Richard Holman

Sir, There is no sound reason to suppose that judges are any better than other people at deciding for themselves when to retire (report, March 29). There is always the danger of staying on too long, and in my view a compulsory retirement age and the lowering of that age for judges are both unobjectionable.

Indeed, although I am entitled to sit until I am 72, I am happy to indicate publicly to the Lord Chancellor that I envisage hanging up my wig and making way for a younger, fresher mind rather earlier than that.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HOLMAN,
Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts,
Derby Square, Liverpool 2.
March 29.

From Mr Richard Addis

Sir, As a recruiter of volunteers with a minimum age of 50 my mouth is watering at the wealth of potential talent being released into community service now that all those judges will be retiring at 70.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme) will never impose an upper age limit. Our oldest volunteer at the moment recently celebrated her hundredth birthday. Her contribution is leading a group which knits miniature clothes for premature babies in hospitals.

We could, however, readily suggest a variety of less demanding projects for retired judges.

I have the honour to be, yours faithfully,
RICHARD ADDIS
(Volunteer fundraiser), RSVP,
237 Pentonville Road, N1.
March 30.

Fishing dispute

From Mr Walter Cairns

Sir, Señor Torrents dels Prats is perfectly right (letter, March 30). We should not rely on sentiment when assessing the rights and wrongs of the current fishing dispute between the EU and Canada. The issues must be assessed solely and purely on their own merits, which concern conservation of fishing, regardless of the nationality of the perpetrator.

It was right for Iceland to defy international rules in 1972, and it is right for the Canadians to do the same now. More than once, international law has proved unequal to certain situations, and has ultimately sanctioned practices originally classified as illegal because they fully exposed the shortcoming in the applicable rules.

I am confident that a similar fate awaits the courageous action taken by the Canadian authorities.

Yours sincerely,
WALTER CAIRNS,
Broomhurst Hall,
836 Wilmslow Road, Manchester 20.
March 30.

From Mr George Rose

Sir, Every expatriate Newfoundlander like me will give at least two cheers for the British Government's support against sanctions by the European Union.

If the Canadian High Commission were to establish a fund to pay for a fisheries protection vessel, I promise to be the first in the queue.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE ROSE,
15a Grove Road, Sutton, Surrey.
March 29.

Wise investment?

From Mr Ken Simmons

Sir, Concerned that any annual increase in my state pension should be adequately invested without jeopardising the country's economy, here is my proposition, and I invite readers' comments in respect of both the sense and the morality of my decision.

Commencing on April 6, the annual princely increase (or 37p weekly) will purchase three extra killer cigarettes, sheer luxury to the over-65s for whom such satisfaction is in itself an investment; the Chancellor himself should certainly approve, for much of the 37 pence returns immediately to the exchequer.

And then there is longevity. Today, though with declining health and at enormous cost in hospital or community care, 90 is no great age, and my "extra three" in shortening my life will save National Insurance contributors huge sums.

Thus, in summing up, I reach these conclusions: three extra cigarettes, some fifty extra puffs of sheer delight, should reduce my life expectancy, improve the economy and relieve state pension contributors of an enormous burden.

Yours faithfully,
KEN SIMMONS,
2 Coleridge Court, Parkleys,
Ham Common,
Richmond, Surrey.
April 2.

Buchan plaque

From Mr Andrew Lownie

Sir, Peter Hopkirk (letter, March 23) is quite right that John Buchan should have a London blue plaque, and the obvious house to mark is 76 Portland Place, the site of his former home from 1912 to 1919, particularly since Richard Hannay in *The Thirty-Nine Steps* lived "hard near Portland Place".

If English Heritage will not do something to mark the 35 years Buchan worked in London then perhaps the Buchan Society should organise its own plaque.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW LOWNIE
(Literary agent),
122 Bedford Court Mansions,
Bedford Square, WC1.
March 27.

Bid for freedom

From Mrs D. F. Sweeting

Sir, The controls on our new electric overblanket are "master" and "slave". As I sleep on the slave side I wonder whether there should not be more acceptable terms for what, my husband assures me, are expressions in general use for this type of electrical control.

Yours faithfully (slavishly?),
ELIZABETH SWEETING,
Hill Farm, Little Rissington,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 1: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, this afternoon attended a Ceremony of Dedication for The Royal Irish Regiment and The Ulster Defence Regiment Memorials in Ballymena, Northern Ireland.

Captain Neil Blair, RN, Major Elizabeth Towell and Captain David Thompson were in attendance.

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 3: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this evening attended a meeting of The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead at Garter House and later attended a Dinner in the Mary Tudor Tower, Windsor Castle.

Lady Dugdale has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 3: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Norfolk Churches Trust, this evening gave a Reception at Sandringham House.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 3: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires) today received Major Nicholas Sharples and members of the Regiment's 1995 London to Mexico Rally Team.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 3: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this morning presented the St John Ambulance Sovereign's Award to Mrs John Macartney at Kensington Palace.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the International Health Exchange, will give a presentation at the annual meeting at the Royal College of Nursing at 5.15; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a private appeal dinner at Buckingham Palace at 7.50.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Professor Ray Billington of the University of the West of England, Bristol, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London
The Swedish Ambassador was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel. Mr John Parker, president, was in the chair.

Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for April was won with bond number 12RW 174058. The winner lives in Camden, north London, and has a bond holding of £2,000.

Mrs Elizabeth Dacre

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Elizabeth Dacre, MBE, TD, JP, will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 1995, at 2.00pm at St Clement Danes, Strand, WC2.

Captain C.H. Upham

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Captain Charles Hazlitt Upham, VC and Bar, will be held in St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, at 3pm on Friday, May 5, 1995. Anybody wishing to attend is invited to apply for tickets, enclosing a sae, to The Social Secretary, The NZ High Commission, Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4TQ.

Sir John Soane's Museum

The Trustees of Sir John Soane's Museum have appointed Miss Helen Dorey as Inspectress and Deputy Curator from April 8, 1995.

Dinners

Lord Gregson
Mr David Hunt, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the Parliamentary Group for Engineering Development held last night at the House of Lords. Lord Gregson was the host. Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, chairman, presided.

Feltmakers' Company
Mr Derek Hilton, Master of the Feltmakers' Company, presided at the spring dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall. Mr M.J. Cassidy, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Corporation of London, also spoke. The Ambassador of Finland and the Masters of the Leathersellers' Company and the Glovers' Company were among the guests.

Athenaeum
Judge Devlin was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Lord Justice Auld was the chairman.

Appointments in the RAF

GROUP CAPTAIN: N R Wood - To HQ STC 3.4.95; G G Martin - To HQ PTC 3.4.95; A H Vaughan - To MOD 3.4.95; B J Jerstice - To MOD 3.4.95.

University news

Cambridge
Selwyn College
Elected from October 1, 1995:
Centenary Research Fellowship: J B Parkin, BA.
Trevelyan Research Fellowship: A G Davies, MA, PhD.
Keasbey Research Fellowship in American Studies: S Meer, BA.

Sheffield
Honorary degrees will be conferred upon the following on July 20, 21 and 22.

LittD: Professor Patrick Collinson, Regius Professor of Modern History, Cambridge University; Mr William Keegan, Associate Editor and Economics Editor of *The Observer*; Sir Anthony Kenny, philosopher and Warden of Rhodes House, Oxford, since 1989; Professor Peter Hall, professor of Planning at University College London; Emeritus Professor Sir John Wood, Edward Bramley Professor of Law at Sheffield University; Dr Michio Nagai, Japanese politician and academic.
LLD: Sir Robert Kilpatrick, president of the General Medical Council.
DSc: Professor Harold Kroto, Royal Society research professor; Mr John Rimington, Director-General of the Health and Safety Executive.
DEng: Professor Michael Sterling, Vice-Chancellor of Brunel University.
DMet: Professor Graeme Davies, chief executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England and Vice-Chancellor elect of Glasgow University.
DMus: Professor Christopher Longuet-Higgins, theoretical physicist and theoretical chemist.

Classical Association meeting

Horace shines in modern critical light

By Philip Howard

THESE snows are fled away from the beach at St Andrews, though they still gleam on the distant highlands. In his presidential address to the Classical Associations of Scotland and England yesterday, Professor David West of Newcastle University shone fresh light on two of the best loved odes of Horace.

The poems, 1.4 *Solvitur acris hiems* and 4.7 *Diffugere nives*, dance around the end of winter and the brevity of mortality. ("Pale Death with foot impartial knocks at the poor man's cottage and at princes' palaces," observes the former.)

In May 1914, at the end of a lecture at Cambridge, A.E. Housman uncharacteristically announced that he was going to discuss the latter as poetry rather than grammar. He then read his translation. Then he said hurriedly, like a man betraying a secret: "That I regard as the most beautiful poem in ancient literature," and he walked quickly out of the room. One of the undergraduates who watched him said: "I was afraid the old fellow was going to cry."

Housman: ended lecture on Horace close to tears

Professor West is a golden literary critic of Latin as well as a poet. These two poems are often said to be the most alike in the work of Horace. Professor West discovered great differences in the poet and the world in the ten years between their composition. And he made a powerful defence of traditional scholarship, nowadays put down as minimalist.

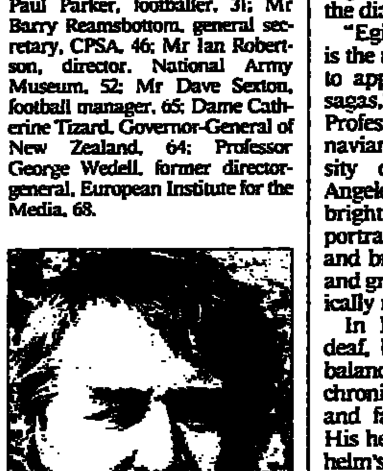
For example, modern reception theory is concerned with what later ages have made of the texts. This is important to classical scholars only in so far as it helps them improve their historical understanding of the texts. Deconstructionists examine what they bring to the text. This is a matter for their analysts or a 20th-century cultural historian.

Professor West defended the traditional job of literary scholar. Humbly to seek understanding of great works knowing that we can never hope to know the mind of Horace. To seek the truth that we can never find. Scholarship is a business of using our senses, intelligence, emotions and imagination, all of them under the discipline of history.

As we travel further in time from Horace, even after 20 centuries men like Professor West take us closer to understanding his ancient master works. This may not be fashionable literary theory. It is better than that: to help us to understand a great poem is an act of creative poetry itself.

Birthdays

Mr Peter Attenborough, former Headmaster, Charterhouse, 57; Sir John Beith, diplomat, 81; Mr Den Dover, MP, 57; Mrs Margaret Dupont, tennis champion, 77; Dr Chris Fay, chairman, Shell UK, 50; Brigadier Anne Field, former director, WRAC, 69; Mr J.M. Fleming, former chairman, Vauxhall Motors, 65; Lord Inchyra, 60; Earl Jellicoe, 77; Mr Gregory Knight, MP, 46; Colonel Sir Bryce Knox, former Lord Lieutenant of Ayrshire and Arran, 79; Viscount Leathers, 87; Mr Richard Mansell-Jones, chairman, J. Bibby and Sons, 55; Professor David Melville, Vice-Chancellor, Middlesex University, 51; Mr Tim Newell, Governor, Grendon Prison, 53; Mr Paul Parker, footballer, 31; Mr Barry Reamsbottom, general secretary, CPSA, 46; Mr Ian Robertson, director, National Army Museum, 52; Mr Dave Sexton, football manager, 65; Dame Catherine Tizard, Governor-General of New Zealand, 64; Professor George Wedell, former director-general, European Institute for the Media, 68.


Trevor Griffiths, the playwright, is 60 today

Archaeology

Bone disease is the stuff of Norse legend

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A NORSE saga telling of a man whose skull could resist axe blows has been linked with the pathological condition of Paget's disease. Although the bones themselves still await examination, the saga's dramatic words make the diagnosis a plausible one.

"Egil, the son of Skall-Grim, is the most memorable Viking to appear in the Old Norse sagas," says Jesse L. Byock, Professor of Medieval Scandinavian Studies at the University of California at Los Angeles. Although brave, bright and lucky, Egil is portrayed as ugly, irritable and brooding. Like his father and grandfather, he was physically menacing.

In later life Egil became deaf, blind, lost his sense of balance, and suffered from chronically cold feet. His head and face became disfigured. His head was described as "a helm's-rock", and when his bones were reinterred about AD 1150, 160 years after his death in Iceland, his descendant Skapti Thorarinsson noted some striking features of the skull.

"It was ridged all over on the outside like a scallop shell. Skapti picked up a heavy axe and struck as hard as he was able, trying to break the skull. But the skull neither broke nor dented: it simply turned white at the point of impact," says *Egil's Saga*. Although this has been cited as evidence of the fanciful nature of the sagas, Professor Byock claims it shows just the opposite.

A corrugated skull surface is one symptom of Paget's disease, he says, as is the ivory-like resilience of the bone remarked by Skapti. The saga's description of Egil's large and prominent features also fits, as do his infirmities in old age. Professor Byock says: the description of Egil is so far from normal saga speech that a true representation of his striking appearance is likely.

Although Sir James Paget did not define his eponymous affliction until 1877, Professor Byock believes that it has important repercussions for the interpretation of Viking life eight centuries earlier: the accurate detail of Egil's appearance and decline suggests that other information in the Sagas may be equally reliable.
Source: *Scientific American* Vol 272 No 1:82-87.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: Grinling Gibbons, wood carver, Rotterdam, 1648; Sir William Siemens, inventor, Lenthe, Germany, 1823; Rémy de Gourmont, writer, Bazoches-en-Houlmes, France, 1858; Maurice Vlaminck, painter, Paris, 1876.

DEATHS: Robert III, King of Scotland 1390-1406, Dundonald Castle, Rothesay, 1406; John Napier, inventor of logarithms, Merchiston Castle, Edinburgh, 1617; Maurice of Nassau, Prince of Orange, military leader, The Hague, 1625; Robert Ainsworth, lexicographer, London, 1743; Oliver Goldsmith, playwright, novelist and poet, London, 1774; André Masséna, Marshal of France, Paris, 1817; John Campbell, philanthropist, co-founder of the Religious Tract Society of Scotland, London, 1840; William Henry Harrison, 9th American President March 4-April 4, 1841, Washington, 1841; Edward Dowden, critic, Dublin, 1913; Sir William Crookes, physicist, discoverer of thallium, London, 1919; Karl Benz, pioneer of the motor car, Paris, 1941; André Michelin, motor tyre manufacturer, Paris, 1941; Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan 1971-77 executed, Rawalpindi, 1979; Gloria Swanson, actress, New York, 1983.

Francis Drake was knighted by Queen Elizabeth I on board *The Golden Hind* on his return from circumnavigating the world, 1581.

Gold was discovered in the Yukon, 1896.

The North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington by 11 nations, 1949.

Martin Luther King, Nobel Peace laureate 1964, was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, 1968.

Latest wills

Edward John Stanley, 18th Earl of Derby, of Knowsley Hall, Merseyside, racehorse owner and member of the Jockey Club, left estate valued at £43,212,465 net.

Sir Alexander Sandor Alexander, of London W1, Czech-born industrialist, financier and patron of the arts, left estate valued at £2,971,041 net.

Mr Paul Leon Mechulam, of Elstree, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £969,423 net
Among other bequests he left the sale proceeds of his home equally between the Mayhew Home, London NW10, and Age Concern, £20,000 to the Cancer Treatment Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital, Rickmansworth, and £5,000 to the Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation "for no real reason other than it might gain me a friendly word on the other side".

Professor Michael Grierson Jarrett, of Newport, Gwent, former Professor of Archaeology at University College, Cardiff, left estate valued at £143,533 net.

Mr Donald John Urquhart, of Bardsley, West Yorkshire, Director General of the British Library Lending Services 1973-74, left estate valued at £178,165 net.

Mr Charles Thomas Reginald Smith, of Seaton, Devon, left estate valued at £18,119,879 net.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mr William Familton Elliott, of Thropton, Northumberland £908,724
Mr John Bailey Cox, of Rowlands Castle, Hampshire £887,919
Mr Walter Edward Goodger, of *London SW16* £639,551
Mr Eric Goodlad, of Tuxford, Nottingham £1,228,520
Mrs Gladys Rose Gunton, of Barnet, Herts £742,097
Mr William Alan Hadley, of Sutton Coldfield £908,064
Mr John Martin Thomas Hughes, of Great Rissington, Gloucestershire £880,470
Mr Graeme Urquhart Inglis, of Wadhurst, East Sussex £572,754
Mr Charles Jenkins, of Tamworth, Staffordshire £713,603
Mr Martin Stanley Kirby, of Truro, Cornwall £1,004,121
Mr Gordon James Lane, of Westcliff on Sea, Essex £797,842
Mrs Edith Bessie McGregor Morley, *of Solihull* £602,986
Mr Arthur Sampson, of London NW8 .... £1,140,738
Mrs Joan Crawley Ross Skinner, of Dorchester £991,148
Brenda Joy Theobald, of Chinnor Hill, Oxfordshire £615,893
Mr Patrick Arnold Hammond-Turner, of Ashtead, Surrey £1,084,954

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr D. Akka
and Miss C. Squires**
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Akka, of Prestbury, Cheshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Squires, of Belgravia, London.

**Captain P.A. Bernthal, RAMC,
and Captain E.M.M. Parry, QARANC**
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mrs F. Bernthal, of Gillingham, Kent, and Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel and Mrs R.K.M. Parry, of Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

**Mr A.T.M. Clements
and Miss A. Gidumal**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Colonel and Mrs W.H. Clements, of London, W9, and Anita, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Gidumal, of Hong Kong.

**Mr M.R. Etherington
and Miss K.C. Renton**
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Etherington, of Bideford, Devon, and Chelsea, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Renton, of Offham, Sussex.

**Dr J. Tuckley
and Miss L. Rudge**
The engagement is announced between Jonathon, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Tuckley, of Graspin Lane, Weston Favell, Northampton, and Laura, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George Rudge, of Membland Garden Cottage, Newton Ferrers, Plymouth. The couple are at present in Australia.

**Mr P.J.R. Vacher
and Mrs Z. Kruger**
The engagement is announced between Pierre Vacher, of London, SW6, and Zin Kruger, of West Kington, Wiltshire.

**Mr R.I. Wallace
and Miss L.J. Harcourt**
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ian Wallace, of Horsham, Sussex, and Laura, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Harcourt, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Marriage

**Mr T.R.G. Vestey
and Mrs T.M. Shepherd-Barron**
The marriage took place on Friday, March 31, in Cambridge, between Timothy Vestey and Tessa Shepherd-Barron. The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Church appointments

The Rev John Methuen, Rector of Hulme in the diocese of Manchester, is to be Dean of Ripon, succeeding the Very Rev Christopher Campling, who is retiring on July 2.

The Rev David Watkin, Deanery Missioner for Camberwell (Southwark): to be Vicar, Trent Vale (Lichfield).
The Rev Canon Jeremy Peake, Chaplain of Christ Church, Vienna, Austria: to be also Archdeacon of the Aegean and the Danube (Europe).
The Rev Kenneth Anderson, formerly Rector, Marondera, Chaplain of the Borrowdale Trust and Vice-Chairman of the Marondera Regional Hospital Board, Zimbabwe: to be Chaplain to Trevelyan and Van Mildert Colleges, in the University of Durham (Durham).
The Rev Anthony Ball, Chaplain, HM Prison, Liverpool (Liverpool): to be Chaplain, HM Prison, Featherstone (Lichfield).
The Rev Roger Billings, Vicar, St Paul w. All Saints, Chatham (Rochester): to be Vicar, Carterton (Oxford).
The Rev Michael Brundle, Acting Curate, St Clement, Notting Hill (London): to be Vicar, St Mary, Swanley (Rochester).
The Rev David Callard, Team Rector, Oakdale St George Team Ministry (Salisbury): to be also a Non-Residentiary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.
The Rev Stephen Carter, Vicar, North Shoebury: to be Rector, Colchester, Lexden (Chelmsford).
The Rev Dee Castle: to be NSM, St George, Wash Common (Oxford).
The Rev Charles Chadwick, Team Vicar, Great Marlow Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Stokenchurch w. Ibstone, and also Assistant Director of the Chiltern Christian Training Programmes (Oxford).
The Rev David Collyer, Vicar, St Andrew, Handsworth (Birmingham): to be also an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral.
The Rev Mervyn Coussens, Rector, Lutterworth w. Cotesbach: to be also Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Bitteswell (Leicester).
The Rev Christopher Finch, Vicar, St Denys, Evington: to be also Priest-in-charge, St Philip Leicester (Leicester).
The Rev Joan Fry, Curate (NSM), Swanage and Studland Team Ministry: to be Curate (NSM), Bridport Team Ministry (Salisbury).
The Rev Andrew Gair, Assistant Curate, Clare w. Poslingford and Cavendish (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Rector, Debden w. Wimbish (sic.) w. Thunderley (Chelmsford).
The Rev John Hewes: permission to officiate, diocese Canterbury.
The Rev Adrian Hopwood, NSM, Chesham Bois: to be Curate (NSM), Ridgeway (Oxford).
The Rev Stennett Kirby, Team Vicar, Hanley Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Walsall (Lichfield).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev John Capstick, Vicar, Netherthong and a Team Vicar in the Upper Holme Valley Team Ministry (Wakefield): to retire as from October 2.
The Rev Canon Peter Harlow, Team Rector, Saffron Walden Team Ministry (Chelmsford): to retire as from July 31, when he will be appointed a Canon Emeritus of Chelmsford Cathedral.
The Rev John Haynes, Vicar, Radford Semele and Ufton (Coventry): to retire as from the end of April.
The Rev Alfred Keay, Vicar, Cheswardine (Lichfield): to retire as from April 30.

Linnean Society of London

The Linnean Society of London has made the following awards:
The Linnean Medal for services to botany: Dr Stuart Max Walters, Cambridge.
The Linnean Medal for services to zoology: Professor John Maynard Smith, University of Sussex
The H.H. Bloomer Award for an amateur naturalist who has made an important contribution to biological knowledge: Mrs Betty Eleanor Gosset Molesworth Allen
The Bicentenary Medal in recognition of work carried out by a biologist under 40: Marie Helena Kurmann, Royal Botanic gardens, Kew
The Jill Smythies Prize for publisahed botanical illustration: Rosemary Wise, Oxford
The Irene Manton Prize for the best Ph.D thesis in botany: Dr Sally L. Glocking, University of Reading

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If any must boast, let him boast of this: that he understands and acknowledges me. For I am the Lord, I show unfailing love, I do justice and right on the earth.
Jeremiah 9 : 24 (REB).

BIRTHS

ASERAPPA-McCREDIE - On 28th March 1995, to Jean and Crispian, a son, Andrew Philip, a half-brother for Oliver and Juliet.

BEATTIE - On 1st April, to Winky (née O'Riordan) and Toffer, a son, Thomas James Alexander, a brother for Jack.

BERNARD - On April 2nd 1995, to Catherine (née Vaughan-Fowler) and Andrew, a daughter, Genevieve Mary Catherine, a sister for Patrick and Edmund.

COPPINGER - On 17th March 1995, to Hazel (née Harrison) and Stephen, a son, Charles Sebastian Patrick, a brother to Dominick.

de LOTBINIÈRE - On March 31st 1995, to Victoria and Christopher, a daughter, Sasha.

DOWN - On 31st March 1995, *in Hong Kong*, to Victoria (née Foster) and Nigel, a daughter, Camilla Isabelle Flora.

FIRMIN - On 23rd March at Queen Charlotte's, to Lisa and Peter, a beautiful daughter, Allison Mary.

FREEMAN - On 24th March 1995 at Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Gillian (née Pearson) and Stephen, twin sons Alexander Charles Washbourne and Christopher George Washbourne, brothers for Rosamund.

GRÜN - On 30th March, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Juliet (née Lindsay) and Tobias, a daughter, Hannah Rebecca.

HANRATTY - On 30th March 1995, to Helen and Andrew, a baby son, Patrick David. A welcome arrival.

HOLFORD - On March 23rd, to Jane and Andrew, a daughter, Imogen Jane, a sister to Edward and Charles.

MACMILLAN - On April 2nd 1995 at 1.30pm, to Bella (née Pollen) and David, a son.

McGILL - On 31st March 1995, to Danuta (née Gruca) and Stuart, a beautiful daughter, Octavia.

OWENS - On April 1st, to Henrietta and Bob, a son, Jamie Mark, a brother for Christopher.

BIRTHS

PATTISSON - On April 1st, to Franchesca (née Every) and William, a daughter, Mary Mia Charlotte, a sister for Frederick.

SELBY - On 31st March at the Rosie, to Neville and Mary, a beautiful daughter, Henrietta Molly Eve, a sister for Caroline, Fiona, Leonora and Anastasia.

SHEPHERD-BARRON - To Michelle and Nicholas, in New York City, on Friday 24th March, a daughter, Elizabeth Stern.

SILMAN - On March 16th 1995 to Stephen and Wendy (née Kramer), a daughter, Maya Rose, a sister to Anna.

St. JOHN - On April 2nd, to Melanie (née Ramsay) and John, a son, William.

STANFORD - On April 1st, to Sarah (née Strike) and Martin, the gift of a son, Frederick, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. Many thanks to the Silver Star team.

WARNAKULASURIYA - On 23rd March, to Carole (née Janiaud) and Sanjev, a daughter, Emily Lakshmi, a sister for Alexander.

WOOD - On 3rd April, to Katherine (Ormerod) and Edward, a daughter.

DEATHS

BARBER - On 1st April 1995, Col. Sir William Francis, Bt, TD of Lamb Close House, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, aged 89 years. Beloved husband of Jean. Private cremation. Memorial Service 12th April 1995 at St Mary's Church, Greasley, at 3.30pm. Donations if wished to R.N.L.I., 108 Seymour Road, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire.

BLACKBURN - Michael, much loved husband of Trish, wonderful father of Tim and Sasha, on 30th March peacefully at Princess Alice Hospice. Private cremation on 6th April. Thanksgiving Service at 2pm on Monday 10th April at Christ Church, Esher, Surrey. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey KT10 8NA.

BLYTHE - Benedict Patrick of Wimbledon, London and Costa del Azahar, Spain, died peacefully at Charing Cross Hospital on 31st March 1995, after a quietly determined struggle. Loving husband of Florentina, father of Veronica, Bernadette, Joseph and Angelina, grandfather to Rebecca and Daniel, very cherished brother of Philomena and her husband Dr. Henry. Funeral Mass on Friday 7th April at 10 am at St Mary's R.C. Church, Wellesley Road, Croydon, followed by interment at Thornton Road Cemetery. All enquiries to Rowland Brothers, tel: (0181) 684-1667. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Unit, Charing Cross Hospital, Hammersmith, London W6.

BRAMLEY - On 30th March 1995, peacefully in hospital, Margaret Mary (née Devitt) aged 79 years. All enquiries to Hickley Funeral Service, Hastings, tel: (01424) 722461.

BRANSTON - Ursula Blanch OBE, peacefully in Aylsham Hospital. Funeral Service at Blyford Church on Thursday 6th April at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, but donations if desired for the Community Care Fund c/o *Woolnoughs* Funeral Service, The Chapels, Holton Road, Halesworth, Suffolk.

BUCK - On April 1st peacefully in his 101st year, Thomas Owen formerly General Secretary of the National Children's Home. Husband of the late Mary Buck, affectionate father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation at The Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Wednesday April 12th at 11 am, followed by memorial service at Trinity Methodist Church, Sutton at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only, please.

BUTTERWORTH - On Friday March 31st 1995, Maude aged 96 years, widow of Sidney Butterworth, late of Dorking. Funeral Service at Honor Oak Crematorium on Monday April 10th at 2.30pm. Enquiries c/o Seaford Funeral Service, tel: (01323) 893889.

CAULFIELD - On March 31st 1995, Sheila Mary (née Herbert). Widow of Sir Bernard, loving mother of Johnny, Edward, Mary and Michael, proud grandmother of Alexander and Bernard, sister of John, loved aunt and friend to many. Funeral at the Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Thursday 6th April at 10 am.

COLLETT - On 31st March 1995, peacefully at Ipswich Hospital, Cicely Josephine Collett of Orford, Suffolk. Beloved wife of the late Harry Collett, dearly loved mother of Patrick Morreau, Mary Sheridan and Rosalind Haydock-Wilson, and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral 3.30 pm, 7th April, St Bartholomews Church, Orford. No flowers, please, but donations to Save the Children Fund would be appreciated.

COX - On Friday 31st March 1995 in hospital, peacefully, in her 90th year, Isabel Valentine (Ivy), only daughter and last surviving child of Algernon and Lillian, also last direct descendant of Richard Cox, founder of Cox's Army Agency in 1758. Much loved cousin of the Cruzebrook and Vickers families. Funeral at The Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park, on Friday 7th April at 11 30 am. No flowers.

DAVIN - Winnie, Editor, writer, storyteller, much loved wife of the late Dan Davin, splendid mother of Anna, Delia and Brigid, a loving and beloved grandmother and great-grandmother, died in Oxford 28th March after a brief illness. Funeral has already taken place. Donations, if desired, to Red Cross. Memorial to be announced. Enquiries or letters please to 103 Southmoor Road, Oxford.

DEER - Arthur Frederick March 29, 1995. Dearly beloved husband of Betty, father of Christine, Patricia, Philip and Rosalind, father-in-law of Ian, Myrtle and Tony, grandfather of Jane, Thomas, Annabel, Kate and William, dear brother of Merle and Maurice, Mabel and Aldyth. A memorial service will be held at St James Church, King Street, Sydney on Thursday April 6th, 1995 at 11am.

DRAYCOTT - On March 30th 1995, at Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk, suddenly and peacefully in her 91st year, Moyra, the dearly loved wife of Gerald, mother of Richard, Hugh and Lucy and grandmother of Jack, Edward and Angus. The funeral service will take place on Friday April 7th at 12.15 pm at St Mary the Virgin Church, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk, followed by cremation at Horsham St Faith Crematorium, Norwich. Flowers to the Funeral Director by 11 am on the day of the funeral please. Enquiries to G.W. Foulger & Son, Funeral Directors, The Street, Shotesham All Saints, Norfolk NR15 1YL, tel: (01508) 558585.

ERVINE-ANDREWS - On March 30th 1995, peacefully in hospital, Lieutenant Colonel Harold Marcus Ervine-Andrews, V.C., aged 83 years, of Gorran, Cornwall. Dearly loved husband of Margaret. Funeral Mass at St Augustine of Hippo R.C. Church, St Austell, at 10.30 am on Friday April 7th, followed by cremation at Glynn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Bodmin *Lip Reading Club* c/o Angus L. MacKinnon Funeral Directors, Pound Lane, Bodmin, PL31 2BT.

FAULKNER - On March 31st after a short illness, John Bruce, husband of Patricia and father of Margery and Joan. Funeral Service Wednesday April 12th at West Herts Crematorium, Garston at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Cancer Research Campaign c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 1AH, tel: (01442) 864548.

FFORDE - On April 1st peacefully after short illness Audrey Carwithen of Fendam, Lawers, Aberfeldy, Perthshire. Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to so many. Cremation at Perth 2.30 pm Wednesday April 5th. No flowers please but donations if desired to Friends of Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital. Enquiries to J.H. McWilliam, Aberfeldy, tel: (0877) 820436

FLERE - On April 2nd in hospital, William Ambrose, in his 95th year. Formerly of The Port of London Authority and Transportation Corps of The Royal Engineers. Husband of the late Amy Florence. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends after a long and remarkable life. Funeral Service at 2.40 pm on Tuesday April 11th at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only please but, if desired, donations for the Marie Curie Foundation may be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 289 Goring Road, Goring, Worthing, tel: (01903) 249913.

GATEHOUSE - On 31st March, suddenly at The Meath Home, Godalming, where he was looked after so wonderfully and happily for the last year of his life, Piers Alexander Honnet, beloved son of Shirley and Jack and brother of Sarah, Adam and Simon. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Friday 7th April in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Church Road, Godalming, followed by burial in the Cemetery, Rogate, West Sussex. If you wish bring single daffodils to the church. Donations, if desired, to The Meath Home, Westbrook Road, Godalming, Surrey GU7 2QJ.

HARP - Katharine Mary Utten, widow of the late Major Douglas Charles Granville Sharp RA (ret'd) founder of United Service Garages Portsmouth, passed away peacefully in her 98th year, on April 1st 1995. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Hayling Island, Hampshire, on Monday April 10th 1995 at 12 noon, followed by interment at Warblington Cemetery. Flowers or donations to SSAFA c/o Grady's Funeral Directors, 25 Mengham Road, Hayling Island, Hampshire PO11 9BG.

HAWTIN - On 3rd April peacefully at her home, Marjory Ellen of South Newington, aged 80 years. Widow of Alexander.

HYLAND - Pamela (née Shearman) on 2nd April at the London Bridge Hospital, aged 57. [illegible]. Funeral West Norwood Crematorium on April 12th at 3.30 pm. Enquiries to Yeatman & Sons (0181) 670-1127.

LEFANU - On April 1st, William Richard, aged 90. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (née [illegible]), father of Anna and Nicola. Funeral 4 pm Wednesday April 5th Christchurch, Eaton, Norwich. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

MAHAFFY - On April 1st, suddenly but peacefully at home, in Church Enstone, Oxfordshire, Victoria, aged 68 years. Younger daughter of the late Sir George and Lady Ponsonby. Dearly loved wife of Rupert, much loved mother of Henrietta, Sarah, Dominic, Kate and Susanna, adored grandmother of Theodore, Constance, Alexander, Charles, Clementine, Daisy and Sophia, and devoted sister of Maud. Funeral Service at St Kenelm's Church, Church Enstone on Friday, 7th April at 2:45 pm. The 12:48 train from Paddington to Charlbury will be met. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the Newland Hurst Trust, Newland, Droitwich WR6 7JH where Susanna is so wonderfully cared for.

McEACHREN - Colonel Frank Flavelle, C.V.O., C.M., K.St.J., E.D., C.D. Died in Toronto March 31st 1995. Husband of Florence E. Father of Sissy Farncomb and the late Gilbert Flavelle McEachren. Brother of Jane Barrett. Funeral at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, Canada, Wednesday, April 5th at 2.30 o'clock.

McKENNA - On 31st March, John Michael, most loving and beloved husband of Evelyn and twin brother of Brian. He will be sadly missed by his sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews who so greatly loved him, and by all his friends and colleagues in England, in Ireland, and in many parts of the world. Requiem Mass on Wednesday April 5th at 11am at the Church of St Alban and Stephen, Beaconsfield Road, St Albans, followed by burial in Ireland. No flowers please, but donations if desired, to the Coronary Care Unit of Hemel Hempstead Hospital whose staff were so kind.

MOSS - On 1st April suddenly, Edward Herbert St. George (Ted), husband of Shirley and beloved father of Vladimir, Nicky and Andrew and grandfather of Esther. Funeral 11 am on 10th April at Holy Trinity, Guildford. Family flowers. If wished donations to Christian Aid. Any enquiries to Aylings of Guildford. (01483) 67333.

PARKER - On March 31st, suddenly at home, Colonel Robin Flint Parker M.B.E., late Royal Engineers, aged 76. Beloved husband of Sheila and much loved father of Jeremy, Nigel and Nicholas. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst, Kent, on Monday, April 10th at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations to SSAFA, 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, SE1 2LP.

PERES - Died suddenly at Rusthall Medical Centre, Hildenborough, Kent, on 31st March 1995, Kate, widow of Dr. A.P. Peres, very much missed by her many friends. Cremation at Golders Green on Friday 7th April at 12 noon. No flowers but donations to The A.J.R. c/o Ord-Hume Funeral Services, 33A Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent, tel: (01732) 363746.

PINCKNEY - On March 30th, suddenly at home, Christopher John, aged 67 years. Beloved brother of Angela and Gillian. Enquiries to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon (0181 688 1447).

POLLOCK-HILL - Malcolm, F.S.G.T. on 31st March 1995, in his 88th year. Much loved husband of Jeanne, beloved father of Stephen and Melissa, and grandfather, died peacefully in San Pedro, Marbella, Spain.

POOL - Richard Anthony West Pool, DSC, RN (retired), on 1st April peacefully at home. Dearly beloved and loving husband of Sue. Father of Nicolette, Piers, Hermione and Emma, and grandfather of Sarah, Hannah, Kate and Amy. Private family funeral. Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints' Church, Sudbourne, on Friday 21st April at 2 pm. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Radiotherapy Amenity Fund, c/o Dr. Le Vay, Oncology Department, Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road, Ipswich IP4 5PD.

QUARRELL - On March 31st 1995, Rose Quarrell, aged 85 years, widow of Arthur Quarrell, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Headington, Oxford, at 3.15pm on Thursday 6th April. Family flowers only please but, if wished, donations to the Trustees of Porch (Oxford drop-in for the homeless) c/o Edward Carter F/D, 107 South Avenue, Abingdon, Oxon. OX14 1QS.

ROBERTS - On Wednesday, 29th March, in Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Marjorie, widow of Ernest Roberts of Wangford. She was greatly loved throughout her life. Inquiries as to the Funeral Service: Please ring (01502) 510989.

SMALL - Rosemary, suddenly on March 27th whilst swimming near her home in Sydney. A remarkable lady. Much loved by friends in Australia, England, Wales, France and Switzerland and especially by the Taylor family. (0171-485 5719).

SMART - Arthur Bryan [illegible], on 1st April 1995, at home in Toronto, Canada, after a short illness, aged 57. Survived by his wife Sue and children Timothy and Katherine.

STOKES - On 1st April 1995, in hospital, Laura, Lady Stokes, of Poole, Dorset, in her 80th year. Dearly loved wife of Donald Stokes and mother of Michael and grandmother of Sian, Anthony and L.J. Private funeral on Thursday 6th April. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to ICAN, Barbican City Gate, 1-3 Dufferin Street, London EC1Y 8NA.

STRATTON - On April 1st, fought bravely through a long illness at Perth, Western Australia, Christopher Owen Stratton, beloved husband of Ruth and devoted father of Paul and Kristian.

TANTILLO - On 31st March 1995 peacefully at The Hyde Nursing Home, Bridport, Dorset, Kathleen Joyce, aged 90 years of Beaminster, Dorset (late of Sicily). Beloved wife of the late Raffaele. Funeral Service at the Yeovil Crematorium on Thursday 6th April at 3.30pm. Donations if desired for The Joseph Weld Hospice c/o A.J. Wakely and Sons, 7 North Street, Beaminster, Dorset.

TREGELLAS - On March 22nd, at home, George Derek Roy, loving husband to Jane and father to Sarah and a true friend. Funeral Service at 1.45 pm on Friday 7th April at St Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, [illegible] RNLI Wandsworth Branch, c/o K.B. Sills Ltd, Funeral Directors, High Street, Cranbrook. (01580) 712284.

TUNSTILL - On March 30th 1995, peacefully in hospital, Philip Francis, aged 88 years, loving husband of Moira and devoted father of Adelaide, Moira, Philippa, Lorna and their families. Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady and St John R.C. Church, Goring-on-Thames, at 1 pm on Thursday 6th April. No flowers please, by request but donations may be sent to the Cardiac Unit, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London WC1N 3JH.

WATTS-RUSSELL - Michael Jesse, peacefully on 2nd April at Thorney, Peterborough, aged 75, husband of Peggy and father of Susannah. Funeral at Benefield Church, 2 pm Thursday 6th April. Enquiries to Watkins and Stafford, Peterborough.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

CHANNON:RICHARDSON - On 4th April 1935 at [illegible] Parish Church, John Channon to [illegible] Richardson. Present address: 37 Willowbank Road, Alderton, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BADDELEY:HEAD - [illegible] and [illegible] at [illegible], Hampshire, on 4th April 1945. All our love [illegible], Paul, John and families.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

DEER - The relatives and friends of the late Mr Frederick Deer, C.M.G., are invited to attend a memorial service at St James Church, King Street, Sydney, on Thursday 6th April 1995 commencing at 11 am. Gregory & Carr Pacific Highway, Gordon Aust. 61 2 498 4466.

IN MEMORIAM WAR

JACKSON - Major R.S., DSO, [illegible]. "The fewer men the greater the Honour"

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OBITUARIES

REAR-ADMIRAL DAVID WILLIAMS

Rear-Admiral David Williams, CB, DSC, Director General Naval Aircraft, 1962-65, died on March 20 aged 84. He was born on January 27, 1911.

THE Distinguished Service Cross and four mentions in dispatches earned by David Williams in three arduous years as engineer officer of the destroyer *Hasty* were an uncommon tribute to one of his profession. Unlike the officers and men of the executive branch on the bridge and decks, who might be comforted by the notion that an escape from the violence of the enemy was at least theoretically possible if the ship was sunk, the engineer fought his battles below the waterline in the claustrophobic spaces of engine and boiler rooms.

Down there, with the shock of unseen explosions — even those from misses — often magnified by their transmission through water, nerves of steel were required calmly to go through the motions vital to maintaining steam to the turbines as the ship manoeuvred violently, under attack. Sudden, terminal damage to the ship meant, as all knew, entombment for those trapped in the machinery spaces.

HMS Hasty had a quite remarkable career in the Mediterranean from the moment she was deployed there in the summer of 1940, after Italy joined the war on the Axis side. In the three years before she fell victim to a German torpedo she took part in some desperate convoy actions; shore bombardments; battles with the ships of the Italian navy; and attacks on U-boats. To keep her fully functioning at sea without serious mechanical problems throughout this taxing period was Williams's great achievement.

David Apthorp Williams joined the Navy in 1929 from Cheltenham College and graduated in 1934 from the naval engineering college at Keyham, Plymouth. His prewar career was spent in battleships in the Home Fleet and training artificer apprentices at Chatham.

He joined *Hasty* in June 1939. The ship's eventful war started in the South Atlantic with the capture of two German blockade runners. Moving to the Mediterranean in June 1940, she bombarded the Libyan towns of Bardia and Sidi Barrani, and in July took part in Admiral Cunningham's first serious brush with the Italian battle fleet off the coast of Calabria, making torpedo attacks on enemy cruisers. Later, with the Australian cruiser *Sydney* and other destroyers, *Hasty* assisted in the sinking of the Italian cruiser *Bartolomeo Colleoni*.

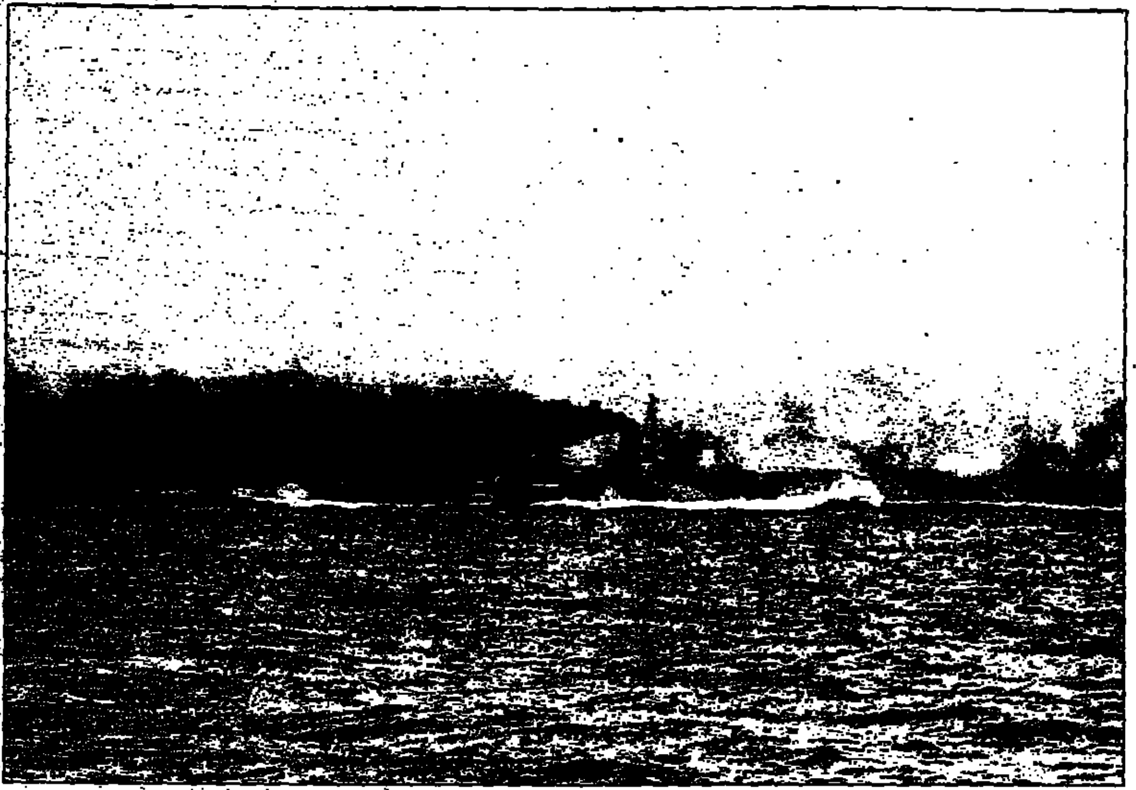
In the autumn of 1940, while on convoy, she sank an Italian submarine with *HMS Havock*. In January 1941 she helped the stricken carrier *Illustrious* back to Malta.

In March she played a prominent role in the victory over the Italian fleet near Cape Matapan, in which Cunningham intercepted a strong force, sinking three heavy cruisers and two destroyers, besides inflicting damage on the brand new battleship *Vittorio Veneto*. This victory ensured that the Italian fleet was not able to interfere with the subsequent evacuation of British and Commonwealth troops from Greece and Crete. For his part in operating *Hasty's* boilers and engines in an action which strained machinery to the limits, as the British destroyers and light cruisers pelted hither and thither, laying down smoke screens to confuse the aim of the Italian gunners, Williams was awarded the DSC.

The subsequent evacuations of Greece and Crete cost many ships and lives, but *Hasty's* charmed life continued despite repeated air attacks. She later carried out 17 hazardous supply runs into besieged Tobruk until that crucial strongpoint on the Libyan coast was relieved by the Eighth Army in December 1941. In that month *Hasty*, with other escorts, forced a German U-boat to the surface and captured the crew. Her final action was the battle of Sirte, the notable defence of a Malta convoy against a vastly superior Italian force. *Hasty's* luck ran out on June 13, 1942, when she was torpedoed by a U-boat; but all but 15 of her crew were rescued.

Williams was next appointed to the new aircraft carrier *Implacable* and saw action against Japan with the British Pacific Fleet in 1945. Political pressures, as well as professional pride, required the Royal Navy's performance, especially in carrier operations, at least to match the expertise of the Americans in the vast expanses of the Pacific. Williams earned a C-in-C's commendation for his leadership in the innovative repair of a serious main engine breakdown, thus keeping *Implacable* at sea in the front line.

Williams was engineer officer of the cruiser *Argonaut* in the Far East, 1945-47, at which point he recognised that there could be no more sea service for him. He therefore decided to requalify as an aeronautical engineer and become involved in naval aviation. For the next ten years, he alternated staff and training appointments with practical engineering at air stations and repair yards until being appointed to command of the naval air station at Abbotsinch, near Glasgow, where he was particularly noted for his cheerful fostering of good relations with local people.



Williams and the Battle of Cape Matapan, 1941: opening phase. British cruisers and destroyers lay down smoke screens

In June 1962 he was appointed Director General (Aircraft) in the Admiralty. The major issues occupying him were the exploratory work towards the use of vertical take-off aircraft in carriers and the purchase of the American F4 Phantom fighter. The acquisition of the Rolls-Royce-engined version of the F4 was seen then as a late vote of confidence in the Navy's carrier programme — though this was to be set aside in the mid-1960s by defence economies.

Retiring in 1965, Williams was appointed CB. Among other activities, he was a member of the Civil Service Commission interview panel. An engineer of influence, Williams was described by a contemporary as being "enormously gregarious" — not a man to miss a party or reunion. He will be greatly missed at the final closure dinner at the Royal Naval Engineering College at Plymouth in May which he had planned with his son, who is engineer officer of the Royal Yacht *Britannia*.

David Williams married, in 1951, Susan, widow of Surgeon-Commander H. Kempthorne. She died in 1987; he is survived by his two stepdaughters and their son.

SIR JOHN TERRY

Sir John Terry, solicitor, and managing director of the National Film Finance Corporation, 1958-78, died on March 29 aged 81. He was born on June 11, 1913.

LIKE his own favourite screen character, Groucho Marx, John Terry was never lost for a *bon mot*. One of the most irreverent recruits ever to enter the law, it was not surprising that he chose to practise in the essentially anarchic world of film and television; nor that he rapidly left law behind to become a key figure in financing the growth of the British film industry.

After leaving Mill Hill, Terry took articles with Denton Hall & Burgin, obtained an external London degree in law and was admitted a solicitor in 1937. A lifelong pacifist, on the outbreak of war he volunteered to join the London Fire Service at Soho fire station, then so ill-prepared that his crew's first fire appliance was a commandeered taxi towing a pump. It was a scene straight from the *Carry On* films he would later promote.

They acquired a fire engine in time for the height of the Blitz in 1940, through which Terry served with great courage. But after being trapped in the blazing ruins of a garage in an air raid, he was invalided out and spent the remainder of the war in the Friends' Ambulance Unit and the National Council of Social Service, working with those made homeless by the bombing.

From 1946 to 1949 he worked as a solicitor for the Film Producers' Guild and then the Rank Organisation. In 1949 he joined the new National Film Finance Corporation (NFFC), launched by Attlee's young President of the Board of Trade, Harold Wilson. Its function was to make loans for the production of British films, with the aim of resuscitating the industry.

Terry had found his life's work. By 1956 he was secretary to the corporation and became its managing director in 1958, a role he filled for twenty years with elan, vision and judgment. He was good at picking winners and some projects turned into screen classics. The NFFC became a major factor in developing new talent, including directors such as Alan Parker, Ridley Scott and Michael Apted.

Audiences round the world might never hear of John Terry, but they flocked to films he helped to launch. These included *Genevieve, Room at the Top, Saturday Night and Sunday Morning, Bugsy Malone, Morgan — a Suitable Case for Treatment*, and *Stardust*. The range was eclectic, from Joseph Losey's *Accident* and *The Servant* to Hammer horror. The film business became a significant exporter.

He was also concerned to secure the future of an industry that can be alarmingly fluid. Involved in the establishment of the National Film School, he was one of its governors from 1970 to 1981; and of the London International Film School, 1982-90. In 1975 Harold Wilson asked Terry to chair the Prime Minister's working party on the future of the British film industry.

With Wilson's resignation as Prime Minister in 1976, some of the more radical recommendations, such as the establishment of a British Film Authority to take over the film functions of DTI and the Department for Education, were not acted on. But the work of promoting government support continued in the interim action committee on the film industry, with Lord Wilson as chairman and Terry as his deputy, until 1985; and then through the British Screen Advisory Council, which remains the industry's main interface with government. Lord Attenborough described Terry's contribution as "an indefatigable crusader for British cinema, a wise and trusted guru for us all".

John Terry was knighted in 1976 and retired from NFFC in 1978. Although already 65, he was invited to rejoin Denton Hall & Burgin as a consultant in film law and continued to work there several days a week, almost up to his death. He acted for the Indian Government in the production of *Gandhi*.

He also became an energetic governor of the Royal National College for the Blind. In 1983 he moved to Branscombe in Devon, joining the church choir and the local operatic society, and bringing to the village the generous personality that made him so well-liked in the film industry.

He was married for 55 years to Joan Fell, who survives him together with their son and daughter.

CHRISTOPHER FALKUS

Christopher Falkus, publisher, died of a heart attack on March 29 aged 55. He was born on January 13, 1940.

CHRISTOPHER FALKUS was the kind of publisher who is loved by his authors. He was always at hand when needed, with his enthusiasm, his encouragement and his painstaking advice.

He was one of the twin sons of the naturalist Hugh Falkus. After attending St Boniface's College, Plymouth, he went on to University College London, where he took a first and won the Derby Prize for history (the previous winner had been G. R. Elton). From 1964 to 1968 he was a lecturer in British and European history at the University of Queensland.

His move into publishing came through his editorship, after he returned to England, of two part-works for the British Printing Corporation: a *History of the 20th Century* and a *History of the English-Speaking Peoples*. In 1970, at the age of 30, he was snapped up by George Weidenfeld and made head of the art and illustrated book division of Weidenfeld & Nicolson. He was so successful there that two years later he became managing director of the firm.

Lady Antonia Fraser described how Weidenfeld said to her one day at about this time: "I have a bright young man who wants to put a proposition to you." She asked to be excused because she was busy writing a book, but Weidenfeld begged her to let him come. In the course of their meeting, Falkus — for it was he — won her over with his "gift of enthusiasm", as she called it, and persuaded her to take on the editorship of his first great brainchild, the 30-volume series of *The Kings and Queens of England*. It was a spectacular success, with not a single volume selling fewer than 200,000 copies. Falkus himself wrote the *Charles II* volume, and his wife Gila the *Queen Anne*.

He worked closely at Weidenfeld with other authors of the Pakenham family including Lady Antonia's mother Elizabeth Longford and her brother Thomas Pakenham, both of them also historians. He developed both a sporting and a humour list: the latter included Morecambe and Wise, the Goodies, John Cleese and "Henry Root".

His manner of working was informal, but it led to harmonious staff relationships at Weidenfeld and also at Associated Book Publishers, which he joined, as chairman of Methuen General Books, in 1980. At Methuen he built up a remarkable children's list, and introduced a series of joint ventures with Thames Television which led to the publication of *The World at War* and *The 10,000 Day War*. Sue Townsend, Leslie Thomas and Jilly Cooper were among other authors he published.

A particular success at Methuen was *Families and How to Survive Them* (1983) by John Cleese and Robin Skynner, on which he worked closely with the authors. Robin Skynner has described how, just as they were finishing the book, Falkus remarked: "This is supposed to be a book about families, but there's not a word about brothers and sisters in it." Skynner concluded that he and Cleese had unconsciously avoided all mention of possible sibling rivals — but that Falkus, as a twin, could not be so forgetful. A new section was speedily added.

At the beginning of 1988 Falkus started working for Robert Maxwell as managing director of the Macdonald Group of publishers, where he was also required to help with the "authorised" biography of Maxwell by Joe Haines. He resigned after eight weeks. In the summer of that year he returned to Weidenfeld & Nicolson as publishing director and remained there until 1992.

At the end of 1991 he had a heart attack, and he had another one in January 1992. He retired the following May though he continued to write and edit from home, and worked with Cleese and Skynner on a sequel to the *Families* book, *Life and How To Survive It* (1993).

Falkus was a keen sportsman. He was a county tennis player for Devon with his twin brother Malcolm, a member of the MCC and a supporter of Arsenal with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the club's history. He was also an enthusiastic, if erratic pianist, who liked accompanying his friends and children on their cellos and violins. They did not mind if he got the left hand wrong.

However, he did not care much for the conventional duties. Once, when he was on a Suzuki weekend music course with one of his daughters, he enraged the other parents by bribing a pupil to do the washing-up that had been allotted to him, and had to soothe them with copious bottles of red wine.

He married Margaret Mathias in 1965, and they had a son and a daughter. After the marriage was dissolved, he married Gila Curtis in 1977 and they too had a son and a daughter. Both his wives and all his four children survive him.

LADY DUKE

Lady Duke, diplomatic hostess and music patron, died on March 14 aged 82. She was born on September 22, 1912.

MORAG DUKE was a diplomat's wife, film actress and supporter of the arts. She claimed to have been the only future ambassador's wife to have been tipped by a future monarch, when the Duke of York — later King George VI — heard her playing the balalaika with a white Russian orchestra at the Troika, a Russian restaurant in London, in 1936. She was a beautiful young woman who remained elegant throughout her life.

Morag Craigie Grant, as she was born, was the daughter of Captain Patrick Grant whose family home was in Scotland. Like many diplomats' children Morag was born overseas, in her case in the Indian hill station of Simla. She was educated at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Roehampton.

Afterwards she appeared in a number of Alexander Korda films under the stage name Craigie Doone, among them *The Private Life of Henry VIII* (1933) and *Rembrandt* (1936) both with Charles Laughton. She then returned to India to marry Charles Beresford Duke, the assistant private secretary to two successive Viceroys of India — the Marquess of Willingdon and the Marquess of Linlithgow — in Delhi Cathedral in 1937.

During the Second World War Duke was posted to the North-West Frontier Province as secretary to the Governor, 1940-41. After Independence her husband entered the foreign service and Morag accompanied him on numerous Middle East postings, including Persia and Cairo. He ended his career as Ambassador to Jordan and finally to Morocco, retiring in 1961. He was created CMG in 1954 and KCMG in 1956.

Meanwhile Morag had found herself a job representing a cosmetics company, Cyclax, in which capacity she spent some months each year in Australia and New Zealand. Later she joined Moët et Chandon, managing their chateau in France. It was through this that, in the early 1970s, she met Archie Newman, the larger-than-life fundraiser for the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Newman brought her on board, to help to swell the orchestra's coffers with her excellent connections, and she served on various patrons' committees thereafter.

Her husband died in 1978 and she leaves two daughters.

ON THIS DAY

April 4 1864

The Times Correspondent was Charles Mackay whose reports were so prejudiced in favour of the South that he was dismissed in 1865.

THE CIVIL WAR IN AMERICA.

(From Our Own Correspondent)
NEW YORK, March 23

In its urgent need for sailors and soldiers the Administration has resorted to a device that acts as a premium on villainy and wrong, provides men that are of no value, and imperils the peaceful relations of the United States with the Governments of Europe. It has publicly announced that it will give "hand money," or a capitation fee of $15, to every "citizen" who shall bring in a volunteer for either branch of the service, the said money to be paid down immediately the volunteer is accepted. The consequence is that hundreds of abandoned scoundrels, such as all great cities afford, but who in no city in the world are so base and brutal as in New York, have taken to the trade of kidnapping, and pursued it with a success which, disgraceful as it is to them, is infinitely more disgraceful to the Government, which not only allows but encourages it. Gangs of these wretches lie in wait for the arrival of every ship from London, Liverpool, Cork, or Bremen; haunt the wharves and docks, patrol the streets, and congregate in "groggeries" and gin-shops in search of victims. No sooner does the newly arrived immigrant, if he be young, strong, and likely, set his foot upon the streets of New York, having cleared his baggage and passed the ordeal of the "Emigrational Depot," than he is accosted by one of these fellows, and asked if he wants employment. The reply in most cases is in the affirmative. It is then suggested that he should volunteer into the Federal army; and if the suggestion be favourably entertained he is led off to the recruiting office to pass his examination, and if considered sound of wind and limb he receives a small instalment of bounty money, and his "captor" the $15 promised by the Federal Government. If there were nothing worse than this the subject would not call for notice. But it constantly happens that the immigrant does not wish to join the army, and prefers to try his fortune as a mechanic or labourer. In this case his first interlocutor tells him that he has a friend who wants a coachman or a gardener, or another friend who is concerned in the construction of a railway. He offers to introduce him to this friend if he will walk up the street.

The walk is not prolonged for many minutes before the generous American invites the unsuspecting stranger to take a drink. They enter "a saloon," "grocery," or "drum-hole," kept by one of the gang, and in which others of the conspirators are lounging about. "Drinks" go round. The victim is asked to take his choice of liquor, and whatever he calls for is handed to him from the bar drugged. His brain is speedily bewildered and bemuddled, and in this state he is led off to the recruiting office, received and paid for, and he is then locked up. He is entered on the roll of the army and next morning, while scarcely recovered from his inebriation, he is shipped off to Riker's Island, with, perhaps, hundreds of others. Once in millitary custody, his remonstrances are of little weight.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE
LANGDON - Anne Barron (née Wilson) 4th April 1994. Helpful to recall so many happy times.
THANKSGIVING SERVICES
SAMPSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Stuart (Sam) Sampson will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Tuesday 11th April at 3 pm.
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Major interview banned in Scotland

■ Opposition parties won a court battle to prevent the BBC from broadcasting a *Panorama* interview with the Prime Minister in Scotland because it was three days before the elections new unitary local authorities.

The Conservatives were accused of trying to bully the BBC into more favourable coverage and the Court of Session in Edinburgh upheld the argument that the programme could prejudice the election outcome .... **Pages 1, 2, 8, 16**

Sixth-form vouchers may be issued

■ Plans to issue education vouchers worth up to £8,000 to sixth formers will be examined by a group of Cabinet ministers later this week in an attempt to make schools, colleges and employers more responsive to the career ambitions of young people .... **Pages 1, 17**

Meeting refused

John Major has declined to meet *the mother of Nicholas Ingram*, the convicted murderer with dual British and American nationality who is due to be executed on Thursday .... **Page 1**

Major's Boswell

Martin Gilbert, the historian and only outsider in the Prime Minister's official party in Washington, is being seen as John Major's Boswell .... **Page 1**

Lunch protest

A trial at the Old Bailey was halted after four prisoners complained their lunch of tinned sausages was inadequate and that they were hungry .... **Page 1**

CS gas attack

A schoolboy accused of rape launched a CS gas attack on a bus to force a 16-year-old girl into his clutches, an Old Bailey jury was told .... **Page 3**

Court fees rise

People using the civil courts will face huge fee rises in the next few months to raise an extra £20 million towards running the courts service, including the cost of the judges .... **Page 6**

Facing the criticism

The tirade of abuse launched against critics by comedian Tony Slattery on Sunday night has been welcomed by actors and borne bravely by the reviewers he named .... **Page 5**

Superbug warning

A superbug that is resistant to all antibiotics could soon emerge in hospital wards, a specialist told a meeting of microbiologists at Bath .... **Page 7**

Le Pen revival

The latest twist in the constantly surprising French presidential election campaign is the revival of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the National Front .... **Page 10**

US plea fails

Russia has rejected a personal appeal from William Perry, the United States Defence Secretary, to cancel a planned sale of nuclear reactors to Iran .. **Page 11**

Hitler riddle 'solved'

The riddle of Adolf Hitler's bones appears to have been solved by the discovery of secret correspondence between KGB chief Yuri Andropov and former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.. **Page 10**

Aid abuse claim

Tutsi extremists inside Burundi's ruling coalition are manipulating international relief efforts into providing food for radical militias, aid workers and diplomats said .... **Page 13**

Gulf peace talks

For the first time since unrest began to rock Bahrain last year, the ruling Emir has held high-level talks in an attempt to restore calm before an economic conference .... **Page 13**

Fragile truce ends baseball strike

■ American baseball has returned from the dead after a 234-day strike that has cost an estimated $800 million. Major League Baseball Owners announced that the season would start, 24 days late, on April 26. The players' union has gone back without a collective bargaining agreement however, leaving open the possibility of another strike .... **Page 11**

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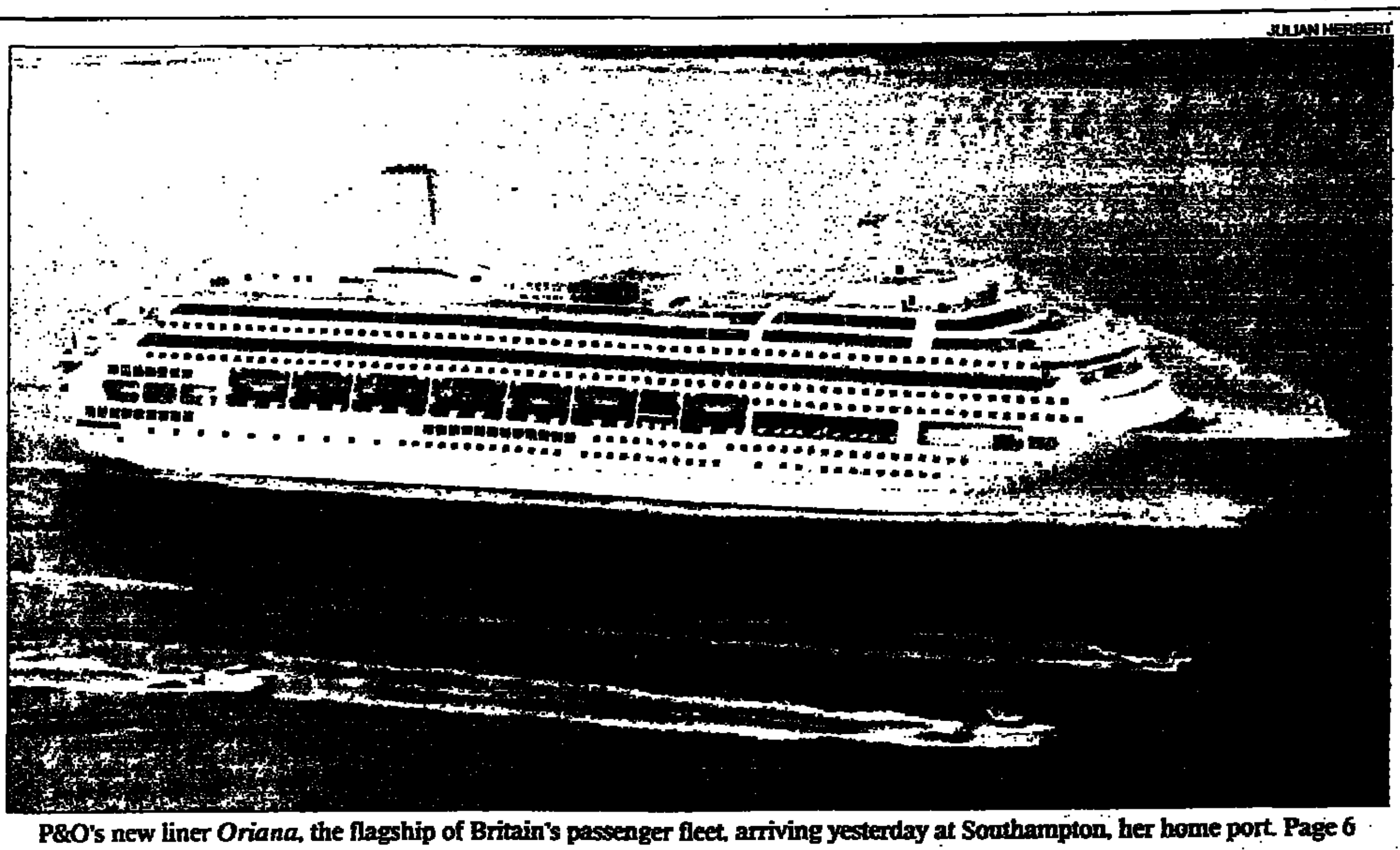

P&O's new liner *Oriana*, the flagship of Britain's passenger fleet, arriving yesterday at Southampton, her home port. Page 6

BUSINESS

Barings: Peter Baring and Andrew Tuckey, chairman and deputy chairman of collapsed merchant bank Barings, have resigned, marking the first boardroom departures from an organisation brought to its knees five weeks ago by huge trading losses in the Far East .... **Page 21**

Executive pay: High salary rises for top executives are likely to stoke up workers' expectations of bigger increases, the conciliation service Acas said .... **Page 21**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index climbed 5.2 points to close at 3,143.1. *Sterling's* trade weighted index fell from 85.3 to 85.1 as the pound slipped from $1.6280 to $1.6170 and from DM2.2271 to DM2.2191 .... **Page 24**

SPORT

Yachting: Dennis Conner and his *Stars & Stripes* team have a sudden-death play-off against Bill Koch's *Mighty Mary* to reach the defenders finals in the America's Cup .... **Page 40**

Cricket: West Indies are faced with a crisis of confidence after losing the first Test by ten wickets to Australia in Barbados .... **Page 40**

Rugby league: A battle between the Australian Rugby League and a proposed ten-team super league is threatening to divide the professional game .... **Page 40**

Rugby union: Paul Hull, the Bristol full back who missed selection for England's World Cup squad, has been appointed captain of the A party to tour Australia .... **Page 36**

Still going strong: Robertson Davies has no time for the image of old age as a mellow sunset of nostalgia. He's still writing novels at the age of 81, and they're still hot and strong .... **Page 28**

Grateful: Pavel Smok has cause to be grateful to the Communist Party in the old Czechoslovakia. It gave him the money to start his ballet company, which comes to London this week .... **Page 28**

User-friendly: An interactive show at the Serpentine Gallery in London draws the crowds but fails to engage the intellect .... **Page 29**

Out of their minds: *Trainspotting*, Harry Gibson's adaptation of Irvine Welsh's novel, now at London's Bush Theatre, is a grim tale of no-hopers .... **Page 29**

Beryl Bainbridge: The author of *An Awfully Big Adventure* talks to Robert Tewdwr Moss about life, death and taxidermy .... **Page 15**

Death Row lawyer: A British lawyer who has defended more than 200 inmates on Death Row is trying to save the life of Nicholas Ingram .... **Page 15**

Driving us crazy: Acute intermittent porphyria, believed to be the reason behind George III's madness, is still a puzzle .... **Page 14**

Magisterial views: The Home Secretary seems to favour a bigger role for magistrates in determining what happens to defendants. Do magistrates agree? .... **Page 31**

Major League Baseball has been forced to snap out of its stupefying labour dispute. The resumption of baseball is cheering news for fans, many of whom feared a summertime choice beteen lawn-mowing and watching hapless replacement players — *The New York Times*

Does the United States have a "special relationship" with Britain? The British certainly believe that we do; Americans tend to live in blissful ignorance of such — *The Washington Times*

Preview: George Cole stars as a widower living unhappily with his daughter and son-in-law in Bob Larbey's new gentle comedy series *My Good Friend* (ITV, 8.30pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond is shocked by film of the battle between mother and her unborn baby .... **Page 39**

Citizen Chirac

From a standing start at the beginning of the year, M Chirac has not only established himself as the man to beat, he has defined the terms of the French presidential contest .... **Page 17**

Major's muse

The presence of Martin Gilbert on the Prime Minister's trip to Washington is an intriguing development; why has Mr Major turned to a fine historian at this stage in his fortunes? .... **Page 17**

Life with the Coliseum

The hiccups at *Life with an Idiot* were neither new to opera nor the worst on record; in years, those present will remember the occasion much more fondly .... **Page 17**

BERNARD LEVIN

There must be countless people who, coming back from, say, a greatly enjoyed holiday, nevertheless find themselves on the edge of tears when they see their home, and rush into it and touch the furniture. But that is why the worst quarrels, short of murder (and quite frequently *not* short of murder), are those which concern homes .... **Page 16**

ROGER BOYES

There is no more uncertain relationship in world politics than that of the "good friends" Boris Yeltsin and Helmut Kohl. Hitler's bones still matter in a country which has mummified Lenin .... **Page 16**

Rear-Admiral David Williams, director-general, Naval Aircraft, 1962-65; **Christopher Falkus**, publisher; **Sir John Terry**, managing director of the National Film Finance Corporation, 1958-78; **Lady Duke**, diplomatic hostess and music patron .... **Page 19**

Passport-free travel; single-sex schools; reduction in judges' retirement age .... **Page 17**

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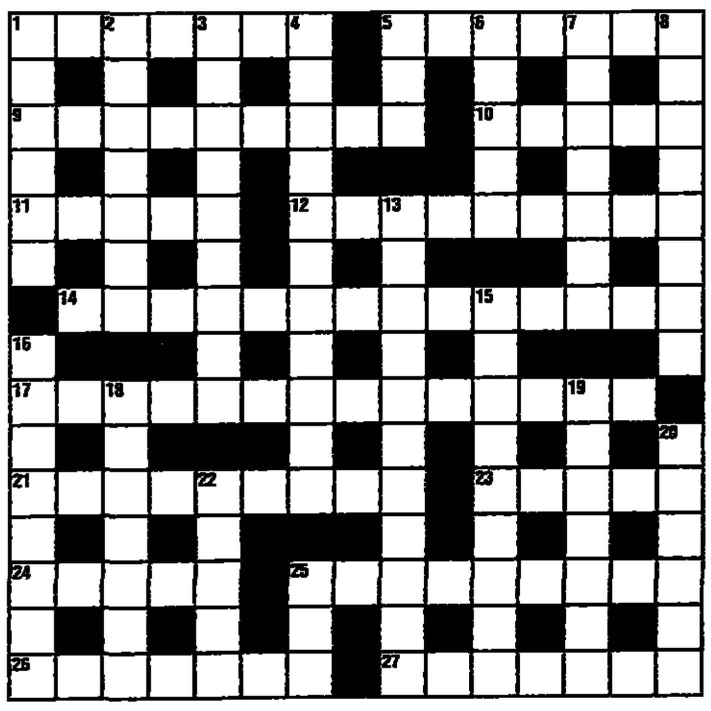

ACROSS

1 Small number, say, taking trophy back to platform (7)
5 Sort of skirt a Brownie leader carries about in a car (7)
9 Alluding to a judge going astray (9)
10 Someone well qualified for a supporting post (5)
11 State associated with woman in operatic sequence (5)
12 Being pie-eyed leads to tension (9)
14 Carefree existence disturbed if he toils endlessly and freely (3,4,2,5)
17 Bloomers we're forbidden to acknowledge? (14)
21 Weapons a man's used to trap a bird (9)
23 Copy left by student in part of coat (5)
24 Pass produced by writer returning to house (5)
25 Live and die in one time habit of submission (9)
26 Old chapel ruins of a historical period (7)
27 Common old coin unknown in the leather works (7)

DOWN

1 Writer unhesitatingly describing Arden, perhaps? (6)
2 Enliven soldier with cheeky manner (7)
3 Waterproof given by sailor to girl out east (9)
4 Attitude adopted in a coign of vantage (5,2,4)
5 A gullible type to attack and rob (3)
6 Music group not encountered outside Tyneside (5)
7 It gives sound assistance in finding a milk supplier (7)
8 A good score for the boss (5-3)
13 Plump woman going in to obtain a camping requisite (11)
15 Rising hunter beheaded outside East Acton, say? (9)
16 Sort of status on board worth referring to? (8)
18 Notes name to act as a reminder (7)
19 Stretch of water containing vessels (7)
20 Somnolent general captured by undercover agent (6)
22 Drink causing expressions of surprise in England and Scotland (5)
25 Bird's cry reported by a cockney (3)

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 05C (41F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 1.38in; highest sunshine: Manchester, 10.9hr

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☐ **General:** much of England and Wales will have another dry day, but there will be a lot of cloud and some patchy rain or drizzle in the north and west. Sunny spells will develop in the southeast. Temperatures will be lower than recently but winds lighter. Northern Scotland will be bright at first but cloud and rain in the south and Northern Ireland will spread northwards, with snow on the hills. It may be windy for a time, but temperatures in the north will recover to near normal.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands, E England, Central N:** cloudy start, bright or sunny spells developing. Wind west or southwest light or moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England:** mostly cloudy, hill fog, local drizzle. Wind southwest mainly moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** cloudy. Rain at times, especially in morning. Wind south or southwest mainly moderate. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** rather cloudy, some rain later. Wind southeast becoming southwest mainly moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney:** bright start, rain later. Snow on hills. Wind light variable becoming southeast fresh. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Shetland:** sunny intervals, snow showers dying out. Wind north backing southeast fresh briefly light. Max 04C (39F).

☐ **Outlook:** becoming warmer and mainly dry as pressure builds from the south.

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.0	-	15	59	s	London	10.0	-	19	66	s
Anglesey	1.1	-	9	48	c	Lowestoft	9.1	-	22	72	s
Aspatria	3.9	-	12	54	s	Manchester	10.9	-	18	64	s
Aviemore	4.2	-	12	54	b	Margate	10.6	-	18	64	s
Belfast	10.1	-	17	63	s	Minehead	X				
Birmingham	9.5	-	18	64	s	Morecambe	4.9	-	10	50	b
Bognor R	1.4	-	11	52	c	Newcastle	9.4	-	16	61	s
Bournem'th	1.1	-	11	52	c	Newquay	-	-	10	50	c
Bristol	X					Norwich	9.6	-	21	70	s
Buxton	10.1	-	16	61	s	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	0.3	-	9	48	c	Oxford	8.1	-	15	59	s
Clacton	9.6	-	18	64	s	Penzance	-	-	11	52	c
Colwyn Bay	10.1	-	15	59	s	Plymouth	-	-	9	48	c
Cromer	9.7	-	21	70	s	Poole	1.2	-	11	52	c
Doncaster	9.3	-	20	68	s	Prestatyn	X	-	14	57	s
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	10.1	-	17	63	s
Eastbourne	1.6	-	10	50	c	Salcombe	-	-	11	52	c
Edinburgh	6.6	-	13	55	s	Sandown	1.0	-	11	52	c
Eskdalemuir	9.5	-	14	57	s	Saunton Snd	-	-	10	50	du
Exmouth	1.9	-	13	55	c	Scarboro	8.0	-	16	61	s
Falmouth	X	0.02	11	52	d	Scilly Isles	-	-	11	52	c
Fishguard	4.7	-	12	54	c	Shanklin	1.5	-	10	50	c
Folkestone	4.1	-	13	55	fg	Shrewsbury	X				
Glasgow	4.0	-	13	55	s	Skegness	8.3	-	20	68	s
Guernsey	-	-	13	56	c	Southend	10.2	-	20	68	s
Hastings	3.2	-	11	52	c	Southport	9.9	-	13	55	s
Hayling I	1.9	-	11	52	c	Southsea	1.0	-	11	52	c
Herne Bay	10.3	-	18	64	s	Stornoway	-	0.01	10	50	d
Hove	0.7	-	9	48	c	Swanage	1.5	-	10	50	c
Hunstanton	9.1	-	17	63	s	Teignmouth	4.0	-	13	55	b
Ilfracombe	X					Tenby	-	-	10	50	c
Isle of Man	2.1	-	10	50	c	Tiree	0.2	-	11	52	c
Jersey	-	-	12	54	c	Torquay	3.5	-	13	55	b
Kinloss	3.5	-	12	54	s	Tynemouth	X	-	16	61	s
Leeds	10.4	-	19	66	s	Ventnor	1.2	-	9	48	du
Lerwick	0.7	0.06	5	41	sh	West-s-mare	X				
Littlehmptn	0.3	-	11	52	c	Weymouth	-	-	10	50	c
Liverpool	10.2	-	15	59	s						

These are Sunday's figures

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	C'phagn	3	37	d	Madrid	20	68	s	Rome	15	59	f
Akrotiri	14	57	f	Corfu	19	66	s	Majorca	19	66	s	Salzburg	21	70	s
Alex'dria	12	54	f	Dublin	12	54	f	Malaga	19	66	s	S F'risco	17	63	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Dubrovnik	16	61	s	Malta	20	68	s	Santiago	29	84	s
Amst'dm	11	52	c	Faro	20	68	c	Melb'rne	16	61	s	S Paulo	27	81	s
Athens	18	64	f	Florence	10	50	c	Miami	26	79	s	Seoul	10	50	s
Bahrain	29	82	s	Frankfurt	19	66	s	Milan	24	75	s	Sing'por	33	91	f
Bangkok	35	95	f	Funchal	19	66	s	Montreal	5	41	s	St'kholm	6	43	f
Barbados	30	86	s	Geneva	17	63	s	Moscow	3	37	c	Strasb'rg	20	68	s
Barcelona	17	63	s	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Munich	20	68	s	Sydney	18	64	c
Beirut	15	59	f	Helsinki	3	37	f	Nairobi	25	77	f	Tangier	21	70	s
Belgrade	23	73	s	Hong K	17	63	f	Naples	16	61	s	Tel Aviv	12	54	f
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Brussels	11	52	f	Karachi	-	-		Paris	21	70	s	Valencia	18	64	s
Budapst	20	68	s	L Palmas	22	72	f	Peking	18	64	s	Vanc'ver	11	52	f
B Aires	22	72	f	Le Touqt	10	50	f	Perth	22	72	c	Venice	15	59	s
Cairo	14	57	f	Lisbon	20	68	s	Prague	18	64	f	Vienna	21	70	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Locarno	21	70	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	s	Warsaw	6	43	f
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Ch'church	16	61	-	Luxembg	16	61	s	Rio de J	25	77	f	Wel'ngton	18	64	s
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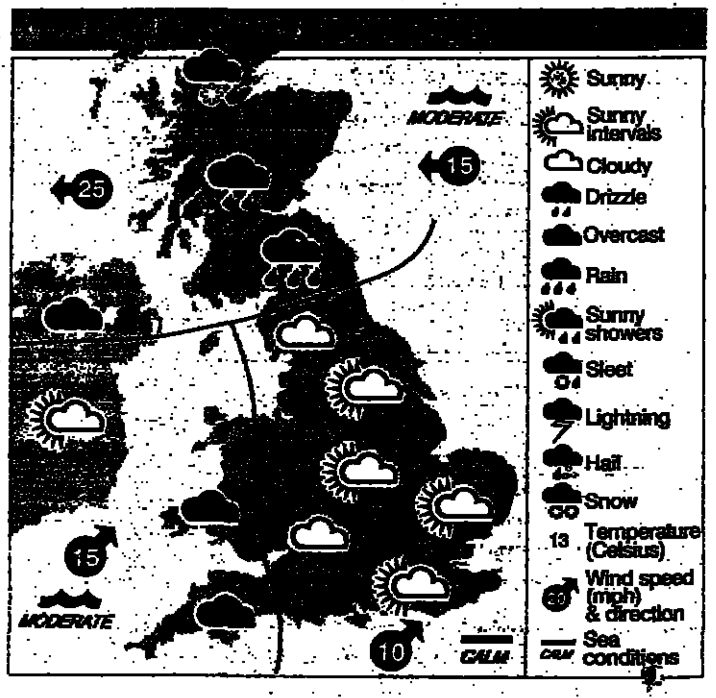

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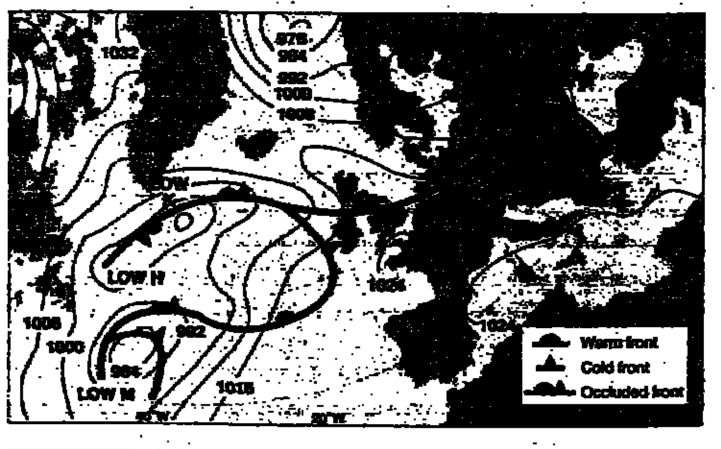

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Aberdeen	3:33	3.95	3:56	3.96	Liverpool	1:15	8.79	1:34	8.77
Avonmouth	9:29	12.70	9:39	12.48	Lowestoft	11:42	2.31	-	-
Belfast	1:11	3.48	1:31	3.35	Margate	2:05	4.57	2:21	4.52
Cardiff	9:24	11.32	9:33	11.27	Milford Haven	8:30	6.43	8:42	6.36
Devonport	7:55	5.09	8:07	5.11	Newquay	7:23	6.30	7:40	6.18
Dover	1:06	6.42	1:28	6.23	Oban	7:53	3.65	7:57	3.67
Dublin	1:42	3.91	2:04	3.86	Penzance	6:55	5.07	7:13	5.00
Falmouth	7:30	4.69	7:48	4.75	Portland	8:54	1.80	9:05	1.76
Glasgow	3:05	4.63	3:28	4.33	Portsmouth	1:26	4.55	1:48	4.46
Harwich	1:57	3.85	2:13	3.73	Shoreham	1:17	5.95	1:38	5.83
Holyhead	0:19	5.28	0:41	5.17	Southampton	0:49	4.43	1:09	4.39
Hull	8:32	7.10	8:50	6.98	Swansea	8:39	8.97	8:50	8.82
Ilfracombe	8:16	8.42	8:23	8.38	Tees	5:58	4.98	6:14	4.92
King's Lynn	8:39	6.20	8:56	6.03	Wlton-on-Nze	1:48	4.04	2:04	3.91

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Moon rises 7.59 am
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London 7.36 pm to 6.31 am
Bristol 7.46 pm to 6.40 am
Edinburgh 7.54 pm to 6.37 am
Manchester 7.47 pm to 6.37 am
Penzance 7.57 pm to 6.54 am

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Baring and Tuckey quit without pay

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

PETER BARING and Andrew Tuckey, the chairman and deputy chairman of Barings, the City merchant bank that collapsed five weeks ago, have resigned.

Their departure yesterday was interpreted as "a matter of honour". It was seen as an admission of their responsibility for the events that led to the failure of the bank, though not of liability. Internationale Nederlanden Groep (ING), the Dutch banking group that bought Barings from its administrators, said it accepted their resignations "with regret".

They are understood to have received no payments for loss of office and did not ask for any. When ING bought Barings last month, both waived their rights to bonus payments for 1994. However, they will receive payments to cover the three-month notice periods for their contracts with Baring Brothers & Co, the merchant bank.

ING bought Barings in a £660 million rescue at the beginning of March after the bank ran up losses of £860 million from trading in financial futures and options in Japan and Singapore.

There has been a growing feeling among staff and clients that Barings' most senior executives ought to step down and there was mounting criticism at their apparent reluctance to do so. One Barings merchant banker said: "It is wholly inappropriate to incur losses of this size without someone taking responsibility. You do not make £1.2 million as chairman without taking responsibility."

A spokesman for Barings said the two had in fact offered their resignations last month when ING bought the bank, but that they were persuaded to stay on. He said: "They resigned as a matter of principle, not as a matter of blame."

Since the ING takeover, they had worked to integrate Barings with the ING group, he said.

Since the Barings collapse on February 27, rival merchant banks have been stalking the bank's clients. Baring Asset Management is believed to be the only business to have suffered — it lost 2 per cent of its assets under management when two of its clients moved their business.

Most clients, however, have waited to see if the fund managers and corporate financiers who handle their business decide to stay before making any decision to move.

Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey had planned to stay on until the Bank of England published its Board of Banking Supervision report on the Barings collapse. But Eddie George, Bank Governor, said last week that the first instalment will not be ready until the end of May, so they decided not to wait.

ING said it will wait for the report before making any decisions on the future of other staff. However, several other people are expected to go once the report is published — one estimate yesterday put the number likely to go at between 12 and 20.

One Barings director said some employees would have talked to their lawyers who "would have advised that any kind of resignation before the report would be seen as an admission" of liability.

The Bank's report will detail events in Singapore and examine the role played by Barings' senior futures trader Nick Leeson, who is currently in prison in Frankfurt and fighting an extradition attempt by the Singaporean authorities.

It will also examine the role of Barings' management in both Singapore and London. Some of the London executives sanctioned huge cash transfers to support Mr Leeson's trading positions.

Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey resigned as directors of Barings plc and also as members of the committees currently conducting the management of Barings.

However, Mr Tuckey will stay on as a consultant to Barings' corporate finance business. His consultancy fees were yesterday said to be still under negotiation.

Michael Miles, an executive director of Barings, and Onno van den Broek, a director of ING, will become joint chairmen of the management committee of Baring Brothers Limited.

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All victims of the mighty yen

Red alert: Japanese stocks plunged to their lowest point since August 1992, with dealers taking fright at the yen's strength against the dollar. The Nikkei 225 share index fell 758.66 points, of 4.7 per cent, to 15,381.29. The index has fallen 22 per cent since January. Dealers predict further falls unless the Bank of Japan cuts its discount rate.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FT-SE 100	3143.1	(+5.2)
Yield	4.34%	
FT-SE A All share	1540.61	(+1.97)
Nikkei	15381.29	(−758.66)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4164.26	(+6.57)*
S&P Composite	500.86	(+0.15)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5⅞%*	(6%)
Long Bond	102 [illegible]*	(102 [illegible])
Yield	7.39%*	(7.44%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	6 21/32%	(6 [illegible]%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	103 7/16	(102 27/32)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.6165*	(1.6225)
London:		
$	1.6179	(1.6260)
DM	2.2190	(2.2287)
FFr	7.7780	(7.7790)
SFr	1.8168	(1.8314)
Yen	139.53	(140.72)
£ Index	85.0	(85.3)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.3733*	(1.3730)
FFr	4.8150*	(4.8090)
SFr	1.1235*	(1.1295)
Yen	86.20*	(86.60)
$ Index	89.1	(89.0)
Tokyo close Yen 87.00		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Jun)	$17.10	($17.20)
GOLD		
London close	$392.45	($392.05)

* denotes midday trading price

Rising prices in industry hasten higher base rate

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

PRESSURE for an interest rate rise was reinforced yesterday by new figures showing continuing price rises in industry and strong output growth.

The latest figures from purchasing managers suggested rising inflation pressures and so the need for further increases in interest rates. However, City analysts believe that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, are unlikely to agree to a new rate rise at their monthly meeting tomorrow.

But City forecasters believe that further economic evidence this month is likely to confirm pressure for higher rates, and that another half-point increase in base rates is likely in May.

The latest purchasing managers' figures from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS), published yesterday, suggest continuing price pressures and capacity problems as manufacturing expansion remains strong.

Upward pressure on prices continued, with the CIPS prices index rising from 73.2 in February to 75 in March. Apart from January's 75.2 figure, this the highest since the survey began.

Over half the purchasing managers surveyed reported further rises in the price of materials, fuels and semi-manufactured goods. Prices were being pushed up by the weakness of sterling, which led to higher import prices, and by supply shortages.

The overall purchasing managers' index edged down to 55.7 from 56.8, but the institute said that it still indicated strong growth in manufacturing.

☐ Headline year-on-year growth in M0, the narrow measure of UK money supply, rose strongly last month, triggered by a leap in bank deposits. M0 rose by a seasonally adjusted 7 per cent in the year to March, far higher than February's 6.2 per cent rate and the 6.6 per cent increase many had predicted. But most of the impetus came from a big increase in bank balances at the Bank of England, which is normal ahead of Easter.

SE may cut dealers' privileges

THE London Stock Exchange is considering cutting the privileges of market-makers in the wake of the Northern Electric affair.

Swiss Bank Corporation's securities business built up large stakes in regional elecricity companies on its own account and to meet contracts ultimately held by Trafalgar House, which bid for Northern.

Listed companies fear that market-makers could abuse exemption from disclosing share stakes above 3 per cent, under the Companies Act 1985, to encourage predators.

In a consultative document, the exchange asks whether the definition of a market-maker might be tightened or the exemptions modified via LSE rules.

The Exchange says that 135 stakes of more than 3 per cent were disclosed to it privately by market-makers last year, against only 21 in 1986. Of the 1994 big holdings, 56 were held for less than five days, but 31 for more than three months. Most were valued at less than £1 million.

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Second successive boom year for world trade forecast

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

WORLD trade is heading for a second year of strong expansion in 1995, after its best year for nearly two decades, the World Trade Organisation's first annual survey predicts.

The volume of world trade in goods last year expanded by 9 per cent, the fastest rate since 1976 and nearly three times the 3.5 per cent growth in world merchandise output. The value of exports grew by 12 per cent, topping £4,000 billion for the first time.

The WTO expects 1995 to show above-average growth, though not quite as fast.

Office machinery and telecommunications equipment, a category that includes computers and semi-conductors, now accounts for 11 per cent of world trade after again growing much more strongly than the average. Trade in these high-technology goods is now bigger than the trade in food, fuels or cars, the WTO calculates. The value of trade in services, which usually outpaces goods, grew at only half the rate of merchandise last year.

The biggest boost to trade growth came from Western Europe, where the value of exports and imports grew more than 11 per cent. Western European trade shrank in 1993, restricting the growth in world trade to 3 per cent.

The rising yen again hit Japan's exports. By volume, they grew by only 2 per cent last year, the slowest of any big economy, having changed little in 1992-1993. The volume of Japan's imports, by contrast, grew 13.5 per cent.

Central and Eastern Europe raised export volumes by 11.5 per cent last year, outpaced only by the Far East tigers — — Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea — which, with Thailand and Malaysia, were up 15 per cent.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, in a separate survey, estimates that the economies of Eastern Europe grew by an aggregate 4 per cent last year, the first rise since 1989, and should expand at a similar pace this year. In Russia, however, output fell by an estimated 15 per cent in 1994 and is likely to shrink again, albeit more slowly, this year.

Seagram's star-struck head shoots for MCA

By Eric Reguly

SPECULATION mounted on Wall Street yesterday that the Seagram Company, one of the world's biggest distillers, is preparing to buy the Hollywood studio MCA from its Japanese owner.

Newspaper reports said that Seagram, whose portfolio includes Chivas Regal scotch, Tropicana orange juice and Mumm's champagne, would finance the MCA purchase by selling its 24.4 per cent stake in du Pont, North America's leading chemicals producer, for about $10 billion. One report said the du Pont sale, which would produce a profit of $7 billion, would be announced in two weeks.

Neither Seagram nor Matsushita, the Japanese consumer electronics conglomerate that owns MCA, would comment. It is widely known, however, that Matsushita might welcome the opportunity to make a graceful exit from Hollywood, an expensive experiment for the Japanese.

Yoichi Morishita, MCA's president, recently said: "There might be some possibilities in the future" regarding its MCA ownership. The company bought MCA for $6.6 billion in 1990 as part of its strategy of combining "hardware", its own electronics products such as video machines, with "software", entertainment such as films. MCA owns Universal Pictures, producer of hits as *Jaws*, *E.T.* and *Back to the Future*, as well as Universal Television and Geffen Records.

American analysts said MCA might carry a pricetag of $10 billion. Other potential bidders are said to include Philips, the Dutch electronics group that owns PolyGram records, TCI, the largest American cable company, and Bertelsmann, the German publisher.

Seagram appears to be a strong contender partly because its president, Edgar Bronfman Jr., the grandson of the Prohibition-era rum runner that founded the company, has Hollywood in his blood. Mr Bronfman, 39, a close friend of Sir David Putnam, the Oscar-winning producer of *Chariots of Fire*, worked as a movie producer before being lured to Seagram. His best-known effort was a 1982 Jack Nicholson film called *The Border*.

Mr Bronfman joined Seagram in 1984 and later, as president, engineered several large acquisitions, including a 15 per cent stake in Time Warner, the entertainment and publishing group based in New York. In a 1992 interview, Sir David said he nurtured Mr Bronfman's interest in entertainment. "His first love outside business is theatre, then cinema," he said.

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Workers expect to enjoy bosses' big pay rises

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

HIGH salary rises for top executives, especially in privatised utilities, are likely to stoke workers' expectations of bigger pay increases, the conciliation service Acas says today.

The warning from the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the Government's principal employee relations agency, is the first time that any government-linked body has acknowledged the wider impact of the pay rises for privatised utility bosses. Although its council is independent, Acas is funded by the Department of Employment.

Acas also makes clear today that, for the first time since before the recession, dealing with pay disputes now forms more than half its work.

In its annual report, published today, the conciliation service records "growing controversy" about the "appropriateness of very large additions to the pay of some senior managers, particularly in privatised organisations", and especially when the rises coincide with heavy redundancies. The service, which tends to be cautious in public statements because of the necessity of impartiality and confidentiality, notes that this may lead to a greater wage push after a long period of pay restraint.

John Hougham, Acas chairman, says: "It is at least likely that the levels of remuneration which have been made very prominently for some of the leading captains of industry might stoke up other people's expectations further down the pay chain."

Acas officials acknowledge that high pay and big rises for utility chiefs raise questions of pay equity among other employees, and may well "encourage greater vigour in employee demands".

The conciliation service records a sharp rise in disputes, especially over pay, as measured by requests to it by employers and unions for collective conciliation, such as the assistance Acas gave in settling last year's rail signalworkers' strikes.

Such requests were up by 8 per cent in 1994. Virtually all the increase concerned pay disputes, which, for the first time since 1990, form more than half the service's collective dispute workload. Officials accept that pay disputes are increasing as the economy recovers.

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Aer Lingus picks BAe

Aer Lingus is to lease three British Aerospace 146 planes to launch jet services from Dublin to Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Bristol and Edinburgh.

BAe has just become sole jet supplier to Crossair, the Swiss regional airline, and is hoping to win a 20-plane order for regional jets from Sabena, *the Belgian national* carrier.

FII refocuses

The new management team at FII Group, a leading footwear supplier to Marks & Spencer, has sold its scientific equipment business to Life Sciences International for £3 million and bought Law Trading, a designer and sourcer of footwear, for £6.1 million.

US deal

Raytheon Corporation of the US is to pay $2.3 billion for E-Systems, a leading maker of military intelligence systems.

Mercury fears convergence of BT and Cellnet

By Eric Reguly

MERCURY One-2-One, the third largest mobile-phone operator, has told Oftel, the industry regulator, that the biggest threat to competition inthe market is the inevitable convergence of British Telecom and 60 per cent-owned Cellnet.

Richard Goswell, managing director of One-2-One, said the coming together of BT and Cellnet would "raise issues about dominance and anti-competitive behavior". BT controls more than 90 per cent of the residential telephone market and Cellnet is only sightly smaller than Vodafone, the market leader.

Mr Goswell is particularly concerned about joint billing, whereby Cellnet customers would receive a single bill from BT for their mobile and home phones. A single bill, he said, would be a powerful disincentive to "churn," the industry's term for customers dropping their service and going to a competiting network. Reducing high churn rates, currently about 25 per cent a year, is one of the mobile phone biggest challenges. "Cellnet and BT are the only ones that could offer joint billing, so it is a competitive issue," he said.

BT and Cellnet have no immediate plans for joint billing, but trials could occur within the next two years. "Joint billing is an aspiration for the industry, and it is looking most feasible for BT and Cellnet," said William Ostrom, a Cellnet spokesman.

BT and Cellnet have a project called "fixed-mobile convergence," which is examining ways to combine certain services. One, called Personal Assistant, which allows Cellnet and BT customers to be traced with a single phone number, *is now being tested.*

BT hopes to forge closer financial links with Cellnet as well. It has made no secret that it would like to buy Securicor's 40 per cent stake in Cellnet, but would need permission from the Department of Trade and Industry to do so.

Separately, Cellnet reported that it added 715,000 new customers in its March 31 financial year, raising the total number to 1.73 million. Vodafone remained in first place, with 1.82 million customers at the end of March. Cellnet predicted in January that that it would unseat Vodafone as the market leader this year. One-2-One, owned by Cable and Wireless and US West, a regional phone company in America, said it now has 260,000 customers.

GEOFF ROBINSON

Digging deep: Alan Shearer, chief executive of Camas, the building materials group demerged from English China Clays Camas, reported a rise in profits to £19.2 million from £10.98 million in 1994. A final dividend of 2.5p brings the *total* to 3.75p.Tempus, page 24

Saatchi links with Publicis

By Martin Waller

MAURICE SAATCHI, deposed head of the Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency, has teamed up with the French advertising group Publicis ahead of his assault this week on the vital British Airways account, which he is trying to poach from his old *employer.*

His New Saatchi Agency has signed an international co-operation deal with Publicis, which will provide logistical and technical services, as well as media strategy, planning and buying. The link will start with a joint presentation to British Airways for global management of its advertising.

Saatchi & Saatchi, one of the two main advertising networks in the now renamed Cordiant, has held the £60 million a year BA account for more than 11 years. Its latest huge BA campaign opens this week.

The Saatchi-Publicis link does not involve an exchange of equity and has no effect on Publicis's alliance with True North, the US agency.

General Accident

EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR 1995

ANNUAL REPORT 1994

	Year to 31.12.94 Audited £m	Year to 31.12.93 Audited £m
General Premiums	4,253.2	4,181.8
Life Premiums	887.3	866.1
Underwriting Result	(70.6)	(229.0)
Life Profits	53.3	49.1
Profit before Taxation	428.3	294.9
Ordinary Dividends	131.4	124.1
Technical Reserves	5,818.3	5,800.3
Cash Flow from Operations	608.2	467.6

Commenting on prospects in his Operational Review of 1994, Nelson Robertson, Group Chief Executive, says:

"Whilst we anticipate an increasingly challenging operating environment for our UK general insurance and life assurance businesses, we believe that the various initiatives we have taken and continue to take will enable us once again to record good performances in our home markets.

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Labour revises its training levy plan

LABOUR yesterday signalled a shift in its plans for industrial training by offering alternatives to its proposed training levy. Business leaders have been pressing Labour to modify its proposals, under which all employers, except very *small ones, would be required to invest a "minimum* amount" in training — previously put by Labour at up to 1 per cent of turnover — or contribute to a training levy.

Harriet Harman, Shadow Employment Secretary, last night put forward three options within a clear commitment to a statutory approach. These are a revised levy with greater flexibility, reflecting the growth of smaller companies; an employee entitlement to, perhaps, five days' training a year; and learning accounts, under which employers and employees would contribute to an account to pay for training, which employees could take to new jobs.

Date for Famous II

HIGHLAND DISTILLERS aims to have its new spirit brand — a gin or a vodka to accompany its Famous Grouse whisky — in supermarkets by the end of this year, the company said. Pre-tax profits of £23.7 million in the six months to February 28 were little changed from £23.4 million last time. The results were at the bottom end of City expectations. The interim dividend is raised from 1.76p to 1.90p, paid out of earnings up 3 per cent to 12.6p.

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Pentos costs Cassell

CASSELL, the publisher floated on the stock market last summer, took a £145,000 hit from the collapse of Pentos, owner of the Dillons bookshop chain, but still managed to push pre-tax profits ahead by 38 per cent to £827,000 last year. Lower interest charges following the float helped. Profits were little changed at £1.3 million against £1.2 *million. Cassell is paying a maiden dividend of 3p out of* earnings per share for 1994 of 13.1p after exceptionals.

PowerGen venture

POWERGEN has signed contracts to take a 35 per cent stake in a huge coal-fired power station to be built at Paiton, Indonesia. The 1,200 megawatt plant, which is expected to cost $1.6 billion, will be managed and maintained by PowerGen for 30 years. The company's partners in the joint venture, PT Jawa Power, will be Siemens of Germany, which will hold half the equity and build the plant, and an Indonesian company that will have 15 per cent.

L&M pensions setback

LONDON & MANCHESTER, the life assurance and financial services group, has set aside £24 million to cover the cost of compensating individuals for mis-selling of pensions. The news came as L&M announced a pre-tax profit of £38.9 million in the year to December 31, up 16.5% from £33.4 million last time. The final dividend was lifted from 10.56p to 11.56p, making a total for the year of 17.16p, up from 15.68p. The shares rose 3p to 343p.

Airport deal may lift BA

BRITISH Airways and BAA have renegotiated lease terms on the airline's holdings at Heathrow, which may boost BA's balance sheet by £250 million (Carl Mortished writes).

BAA is giving a lease extension to BA, its largest tenant, on 185 of the 224 acres occupied by the airline. The new leases, on sites including hangars and the Boadicea computer centre, will give BA more control and the right to sublet. Existing leases, at well below market rents, were to expire in 60 years and would be subject to a market rent review in five years. The lease is now extended to 150 years, with inflation adjustment of rent every five years. BA returns 39 acres.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.13
Austria Sch	16.78	15.23
Belgium Fr	46.92	44.62
Canada $	2.366	2.206
Cyprus Cyp£	0.755	0.700
Denmark Kr	9.45	8.65
Finland Mkk	7.57	6.92
France Fr	8.28	7.61
Germany Dm	2.39	2.19
Greece Dr	382.00	357.00
Hong Kong $	13.14	12.14
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.2924	4.5424
Italy Lira	2865.00	2710.00
Japan Yen	155.00	139.00
Malta	0.602	0.547
Netherlds Gld	2.665	2.425
Norway Kr	10.58	9.78
Portugal Esc	247.50	229.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.38
Spain Pta	212.00	199.00
Sweden Kr	12.58	11.78
Switzerland Fr	1.97	1.79
Turkey Lira	refer	65394.0
USA $	1.714	1.584

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

BMS

BMS Associates Limited, the holding company of Lloyd's Broker Ballantyne, McKean & Sullivan Limited wishes to announce the following changes, effective 1st April 1995:

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Deputy Chairman - Mr H.E. Crowley
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Managing Director - Services - Mr R.D. Cooper

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Profits of privilege

☐ IF there is a thin line between genius and madness, a similar ambiguity exists between skilful innovation and being too clever at exploiting the rules. Rival marketmakers on the London Stock Exchange will surely soon conclude that Swiss Bank Corporation has been a mite too smart for their good.

Trafalgar House's takeover bid for Northern Electric will go down in corporate history for several reasons, notably because it broke the previous unspoken social contract between many utilities and their regulators. It might also have far-reaching effects on the way shares are traded on the Stock Exchange.

Knowing that the bid was not sure of success, SBC's corporate finance advisers devised ways to defray the cost without committing Trafalgar to owning chunks of Northern. The scheme featured tailor-made derivatives called "contracts of differences" with SBC's market-making business, which allowed Trafalgar (and SBC itself) to benefit from the rise in share prices of all regional electricity companies triggered by Trafalgar's bid.

These deals involved interpreting a series of regulations. Several centre round the Chinese walls of silence between parts of an investment bank to avoid breaching, among other things, the City Takeover Code and insider trading laws. The Stock Exchange's latest consultation paper considers another regulation crucial to the scheme. Market-makers are exempted from a general rule under the Companies Act 1985 that anyone acquiring 3 per cent or more of a company's voting shares must tell it within two days. They do not have to say at all, except if served notice by the company. Only thus did it emerge that SBC had 8 per cent of Yorkshire Electricity.

If market-makers can do this, their parents have a huge commercial advantage in setting up takeover deals. They also thwart the intentions of the Act. Exemptions were aimed at the independent specialist stock-jobbers, which existed before the 1986 Big Bang. To wholesale shares, they often needed a big stake for a short time, with no intention of exercising votes.

Firms that make markets in small companies, where there is not much liquidity, still need to do this, for instance to avoid spoiling the market is there is a big seller. But modern market-makers regularly take positions as short-term investments. The privileges are too great and obsolete. The best market-makers can now ask for is some delay is disclosing their stakes in the same ways as anyone else. Allowing them five days instead of two would still exempt most genuine smoothing operations. If only stakes above £1 million needed disclosing, the small company market-makers would also retain protection.

Unless the rules are changed, abuse is likely to grow fast. The Takeover Panel and the Securities and Futures Authority should now review their rules as fast as the Stock Exchange.

Tuckey voting for Christmas

☐ IF THE buck stops at the top, even more so does the loss of a billion bucks and the City's oldest merchant bank. The exit of Peter Baring and Andrew Tuckey, as chairman and deputy chairman respectively of Barings, was inevitable; merely a matter of timing. With their last gasps, as they fall towards their swords, both stress that their resignations have been available to ING "as a matter of principle" for some time. ING has accepted the resignations "with regret" and acknowledges the duo's "massive commitment" to the re-establishment of Barings's operational base. In the event, Tuckey's encounter with burnished steel will not prove fatal. At the request of ING, he has agreed to remain a senior advisor to Barings' corporate finance division.

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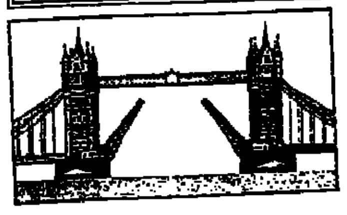

Such is the stuff of official announcements. Unofficially, it can be assumed that neither ING nor Barings is ecstatic about Governor Eddie George's recent revelation that Part 1 of the Board of Banking Supervision's investigation into the affair will not be completed until early June. Part 1 is a fact-finding exercise, intended to establish the precise events that led to Barings' collapse.

Ian Watt, who heads the Bank's Special Investigations Unit, is spearheading the probe. Part 2 will identify the lessons to be drawn from the Barings debacle. But it is difficult to draw lessons before the facts have been fully ascertained. In view of this, Part 2, which will include an assessment of the Bank's supervisory role, will take a further three months to compile before it is tied up in a ribbon for the Chancellor.

ING, eager to rehabilitate its new-found acquisition, would doubtless like the facts out before June. Nor, presumably, does Barings, where certain heads sit uneasy, relish this long shadow from the sword of Damocles. Unfortunately, Barings's fate is of its own making and, with much at stake, speed can hardly be the Bank's priority. Peter Baring has opined, but Nick Leeson, the alleged "rogue trader", has yet to reveal his version of events. Is Leeson prepared to unburden himself to the Bank? On this matter the Old Lady remains exceedingly silent.

The stuff of dreams

☐ ONLY a very brave or a very foolish man would willingly walk a path that the shrewd and industrious Japanese are now regretting having trodden. Edgar Bronfman Jr is clearly the former. The sort of deal he can wrest from the mighty Matsushita combine will show whether he is also the latter.

Mr Bronfman, the incumbent dynasty member at Seagram, is looking at reinvesting the money, made from selling out of Du Pont, in the MCA entertainments empire bought five years ago by Matsushita.

This would be part of a continuing process whereby the Americans get the chance to buy back Hollywood from the Japanese at rather less than Tinseltown fetched when large chunks were last sold. Matsushita is regretting the MCA deal and looking for a partner, which might allow Mr Bronfman to live out his dream of being a real film mogul. At the same time, Sony, which bought into Columbia and Tristar, is probably equally unhappy with that deal.

A Seagram purchase of MCA would swap a solid and predictably cyclical investment in chemicals for a business whose earnings are wholly unpredictable.

At the same time, if the Japanese have stumbled, then now is an attractive time to get cheaply into film production ahead of the forecast huge upsurge in demand from the various new channels and formats. Nonetheless it would be a curious deal; one at which even our own dear Grand Metropolitan, hyperactive dealmaker and Seagram's big rival, might balk.

Bean there

☐ ANDREAS STARIBACHER, a 38-year old chartered accountant and bean counter — the surprise weekend choice to be Austria's Finance Minister — is an expert in corporate valuations, clearly a must in the age of privatisation. If Britain is to stay in the van, it surely cannot be long before the entire Treasury, let alone the Chancellorship, is contracted out to Ernst & Young, Price Waterhouse or KPMG.

Govett to auction fund management business

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

GOVETT, the Anglo-American fund manager and insurance group, has put its fund management business up for auction after the sale of the rival Jupiter Tyndall to Commerzbank last week.

Govett hopes that the business, which has $5.1 billion of funds under management, will attract offers of $250 million to $270 million.

Arthur Trueger, chairman of Govett, said: "These properties are very rare; they are going for premium prices." Govett's shares last night closed 26p higher, at 285p.

Govett is being sued for $20 million in the US on fraud and racketeering claims by an investment trust that it once managed. The action, which Govett strongly contests, hit the company's share price, scuppering its plans to take over Duff & Phelps, the US fund manager.

Govett is countersuing Govett American Endeavour Fund, the Jersey-based investment trust that it used to manage, claiming $100 million damages.

Mr Trueger said that, after the collapse of the Duff & Phelps deal, two firms had asked about buying the two fund management businesses, John Govett & Co, in London, and Govett Asset Management Company, in San Francisco.

After the $277 million Jupiter Tyndall sale of a business with $6.1 billion under management, Mr Trueger said that Govett decided to "open the door more widely".

Bear Stearns has been asked to sound out potential buyers in America and Govett has appointed Schroders, which tied up the sale of Jupiter Tyndall, to seek potential buyers in the UK and on the Continent.

Mr Truegar said: "[Fund management businesses] have to be of a certain size. If you cannot get there by acquiring someone else, you should turn around and be acquired."

Proceeds of a sale will be used for working capital for developing the company's other businesses — a life insurance operation, a trust company and a development capital business. Mr Truegar said that some would be kept in reserve "for business opportunities and contingencies" and some would be returned to shareholders. This could be in the form of a special dividend or a share buyback.

Morgan Crucible at £73m

SHARES in Morgan Crucible rose 13p to 330p after the industrial products group reported better-than-expected 1994 profits and a 10 per cent rise in orders this year (Martin Barrow writes).

In the year to December 31, pre-tax profits rose to £72.6 million from £65.7 million. Ongoing businesses returned sales almost unchanged at £795.1 million, adjusted for the disposal of the Holt Lloyd car care business for £63.5 million in August. This left an exceptional profit of £2.9 million.

A final 7.15p makes the total dividend 13.1p a share (12.6p) with EPS of 21.9p (19.8p). Tempus, page 24

Asia's Tigers lift Burmah results

By Carl Mortished

BURMAH CASTROL, maker of Castrol GTX motor oil, is reaping the rewards of its marketing push into the fast-growing Asian "Tiger" economies with profits from its Castrol Asia subsidiary growing by a third in 1994.

The gain combined with increased market share in the United States and a recovery in chemicals to enable Burmah to raise pre-tax profits before exceptional items by 21 per cent to £219.5 million in the year to December. It is raising the dividend 18 per cent to 32.5p.

Jonathan Fry, chief executive, said the 1994 results were achieved against a better background, with growth in the G7 countries of 3 per cent. In the lubricants market, however, there was growth of only 1 to 2 per cent in volumes. "We did 7 per cent," he commented, "and we are continuing to take market share."

Profits from chemicals grew by 34 per cent to £48.9 million mainly due to recovery at Foseco, the metallurgical company. Mr Fry said the improvement in chemical profits was due to reductions in costs and improvements in prices.

Burmah gained market share in the important American DIY motor oil market and reckons it is only 1.5 points below the market leader.

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MPM falls to Cookson for £93m

COOKSON GROUP, the industrial materials company, has agreed to buy MPM Enterprises, a manufacturer of screen printing equipment for use in making printed circuit boards, for a maximum consideration of £93 million (Martin Barrow writes).

In the year to the end of June 1994, MPM earned pre-tax profits of $9.8 million on turnover of $55.5 million. Net assets at the year-end were $12.5 million.

The business will be merged with Cookson's electronic materials operations. There will be an initial cash consideration of £40.2 million, with a further profit-related payment of up to £52.8 million.

Last month Cookson raised £193 million for acquisitions.

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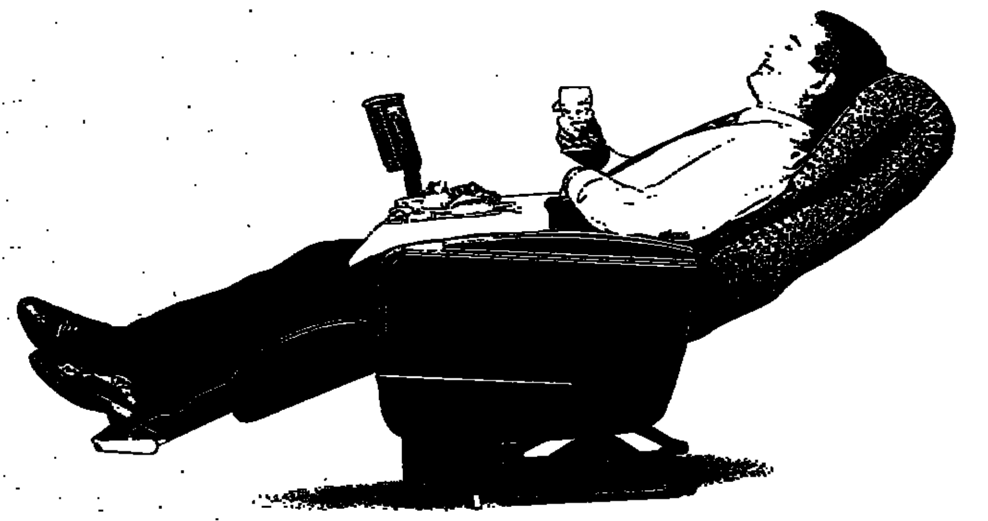

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Shares shrug off turmoil on foreign exchanges

SHARES and gilts staged a resilient performance in the face of further volatility on the world's currency markets and Friday's 60-point fall on Wall Street.

The equity market recovered from a hesitant start to end the day on a positive note with the FT-SE 100 index finishing 5.2 higher at 3,143.1. But turnover levels remained on the low side. By the close of business a total of 494 million shares had changed hands but this figure had been swollen by last-minute bed and breakfast transactions designed to establish tax losses before the financial year-end.

Selling pressure among the institutions was kept to a minimum as the second quarter of the year began. **Glaxo** firmed 5p to 711p after approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to market Imitrex, its anti-migraine treatment in tablet form.

Northern Electric stood out with a rise of 14p to 763p as dissident shareholders continued to apply pressure to the group after the aborted bid by Trafalgar House. Calls have been made for an extraordinary general meeting.

Shares of the independent television and radio broadcasting companies enjoyed selective support with the Government intending to bring forward legislation allowing media cross-holdings. Brokers are hopeful that such a move could lead to a wave of speculative buying. Gains were seen in **Chiltern Radio**, 25p to 228p, **HTV Group**, 3p to 167p, **Scottish Television**, 21p to 458p, **Ulster Television**, 20p to 689p, and **Yorkshire Television**, 20p to 437p.

Shares of **Govett & Co**, the fund manager, jumped 26p to 285p as a "for sale" sign went up. The group said it is in talks with a number of parties about the sale of its John Govett fund management business in London and Govett Asset Management in San Francisco.

This latest move follows Commerzbank's bid for **Jupiter Tyndall**, 1p firmer at 419p. Dealers are also patiently awaiting a bid of about 230p a share for **Sharelink**, the telephone-based private-client stockbroker, from Charles Schwab, the American broker. Sharelink rose 12p to 219p.

A profits warning left **VHE Holdings** 10p lower at 80p. Wet weather in 1995's first quarter had restricted work on outstanding contracts and was likely to hit net profits by £1.2 million. The City was expecting pre-tax profits of up to £4.5 million but the group said this target will not be met. However, profits were unlikely to be below £3 million against £3.8 million last time.

Bruce Farmer, managing director of Morgan Crucible

ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, is believed to have completed a review of the stores sector and has begun circulating its findings to clients. Apparently it urging clients to take profits in **Dixons**, 1p easier at 229p, **Boots**, down 5p at 504p, and **Sears**, steady at 104½p. At the same time its rates **Great Universal Stores**, 5p off at 556p, **Storehouse**, 1p lighter at 229p, and **W H Smith**, 2p better at 414p, as buys.

Last month's talk of a takeover by Schroders for Smith New Court appears to be a memory. SNC shares reacted with a fall of 15p to 438p in thin trading that saw just 224,753 shares change hands. It is not just thin trading in SNC's own shares that worries the market. Other brokers say SNC is also suffering from low volumes.

AAH, the bid target, rose 5p to 448p, bringing the rise on the past week to 19p. **GEHE**, the German pharmaceutical supplier, is offering 420p a share valuing the company at £377 million. The second closing date for the bid is Thursday week. The speculators believe the Germans will have to pay more to win.

Cookson slipped 3p to 205p after spending some of the money it accrued from last month's £193 million rights issue. It is buying MPM Enterprises, a US screen-printing maker, for £93 million. The group is paying an initial £40.2 million with deferred payments of up to £52.8 million. MPM last year made profits of $9.8 million.

Full-year figures from **Burmah Castrol** were at the top end of City forecasts with net profits up 25 per cent at £114 million. The group's chemicals division made most of the running after measures to raise efficiency and a refocusing of the business. The shares responded with a rise of 1p to 875p.

Vodafone, the cellular telephone operator, firmed 3p to 201p cheered by news of another surge in the number of new connections during the first quarter.

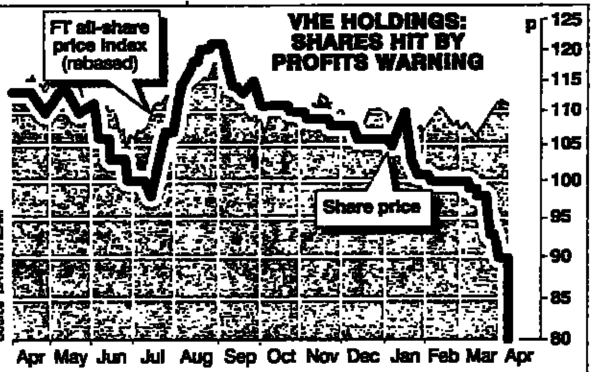
Camas, the building products group, firmed 1p to 77p after its first set of full-year figures since being de-merged from English China Clays. The group saw pre-tax profits surge 75 per cent to £19.2 million matching the forecast made at the time of the flotation. Most of the improvement stemmed from Europe with trading conditions in the US described as flat.

Highland Distilleries, maker of The Famous Grouse Scotch whisky, tumbled 26p to 357p after failing to live up to City expectations. Pre-tax profits in the first six months were just £300,000 higher at £23.7 million. The company blamed a 20 per cent profits fall from new and mature whiskies although sales of The Famous Grouse rose 6 per cent.

Full-year figures at the top end of the range and a confident statement about current trading lifted **Morgan Crucible** 13p to 330p. Last year saw the carbon, ceramics and materials group raise pre-tax profits 10.5 per cent to £72.6 million. Bruce Farmer, the managing director, said margins were benefiting from price rises and the year had started on a firm note.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices took their lead from US Treasuries that rallied on the better than expected National Association of Purchasing Managers' figures. But turnover levels left much to be desired with investors anxiously awaiting this week's US employment figures. The low turnover was mirrored in the futures pit where The June series of the Long Gilt climbed £19/32 to £103 7/16 on just 29,000 contracts completed. In conventionals, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 jumped £21/32 to £96 15/16, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £5/16 better at £98 9/16.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Midday shares were lifted by higher bonds. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.57 to 4,164.26.



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New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4164.26 (+6.57)
S&P Composite	500.86 (+0.15)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	15381.29 (-758.66)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8400.44 (-187.28)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	394.28 (+0.88)
Sydney:	
AO	1899.5 (-7.1)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	1930.82 (+8.23)
Singapore:	
Straits	2074.65 (-18.47)
Brussels:	
General	6875.80 (+16.45)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1864.00 (+4.52)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	579.00 (-2.70)
London:	
FT 30	2408.5 (+1.1)
FT 100	3143.1 (+5.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3437.6 (+2.9)
FT-SE-A 350	1560.6 (+2.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1252.05 (-2.25)
FT A All-Share	1540.61 (+1.97)
FT Non Financials	1663.98 (+2.98)
FT Fixed Interest	110.63 (-0.04)
FT Govt Secs	91.67 (+0.30)
Bargains	39457
SEAQ Volume	601.1m
USM (Datastrm)	149.47 (+0.55)
US$	1.6170 (-0.0110)
German Mark	2.2190 (-0.0081)
Exchange Index	85.0 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2017
£:SDR	1.0336
RPI	146.9 Feb (3.4%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Albright & Wilson (150)	164	...
Beale	176	-4
Brit Aerospace Uts	123	...
Colleagues	161	...
Dailywin (125)	130	...
Datrontech (130)	136	...
Expro Intl (175)	171½	...
Geared Inc Inv C (100)	99½	...
Golden Rose Cms (135)	116	...
HTR Inc/Gth Split (100)	101	...
-ditto- Split Div Pf (100)	105	...
Inv Capital Wts	18	-1
Inv Tst of Inv Tsts	84	...
Inv Tst of Inv Tsts Wts	56	...
Melrose Energy Wts	3½	...
Montnro UK Smlr (100)	95	...
-ditto- UK Smlr Wts	43	...
Nat Power (p/p) (476)	164½	+ ½
PTS Group (90)	92	...
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	183½	- ½
Schroder Inc Gth Uts	516	...
Scot Oriental Smlr (100)	95½	...
-ditto- Wts	41	...
Superframe Group (50)	42	...
Superframe Wts	6	...
Throg Dual Zero Div Pf	103	...
Zotefoams (145)	173	-2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Acorn Computer n/p (80)	5½	...
Arcon Intl n/p (Ir20p)	1½	...
Beauford n/p (28)	1¼	+ ½
Guinness Peat n/p (20)	5	...
Horace Sml App n/p (90)	40	-2
Marley n/p (112)	14	-1
Rhino Group n/p (8)	¼	...

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RISES:	
Morland	425p (+15p)
Morgan Cable	330p (+13p)
Scot TV	458p (+21p)
Yorkshire TV	437p (+27p)
Govett	285p (+26p)
FALLS:	
Kleinwort Benson	627p (-20p)
Mitel	293p (-10p)
Highland Distl	357p (-26p)
Micro Focus	695p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Oil gusher

BURMAH CASTROL has been through so much pain over its chemicals business that it can be excused a little crowing over this year's recovery in the business which saw profits grow by more than a third and margins edge up a point to 6 per cent. Much of the improvement is down to volume gains flowing through a business whose costs have been driven down. The operational gearing should help again this year as the recovery in chemicals continues.

None of this will sway doubters who still wonder why Burmah is muddying its impressive Castrol lubricants business with such a volatile and unrelated business like specialty chemicals. Burmah will be pushed hard to get an average return on sales of 10 per cent from the latter over the cycle while lubricants, which has a strong consumer base, has the advantage of being relatively little affected by industrial cycles.

If the jury is still out on Burmah's product diversification, the verdict is a *solid thumbs* up on geographical expansion. Castrol Asia is proving a leading profits earner, particularly welcome in view of the dreary outlook in Europe. The question facing Burmah is how to keep the Asian train moving as competition hots up — the company now faces some 12 competitors in the once-protected Indian market — while new markets, like China, will be slow to develop. Burmah is moving into a cash generative phase, but the lubricants business, which uses up cash to fund loans to dealers, will never be a cash cow. Burmah shareholders would be best served if the company lost a few non-core businesses and just did what it *does* best: selling its brand.

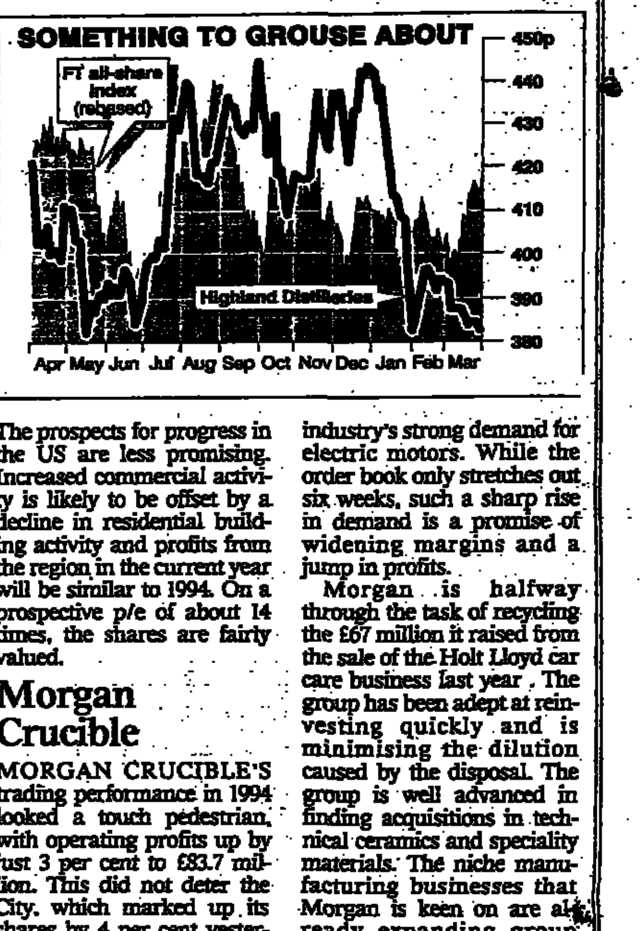
Highland Distilleries

THE question exercising minds in the City ahead of the Highland Distilleries interims yesterday was the extent to which the company, which has adopted a position of lofty disdain during earlier downturns in the highly cyclical Scotch whisky market, has got its hands dirty from discounting at the tail end of last year.

The answer is not much but probably more than in previous price wars. Certainly, Highland insisted it had held back from the sort of discounts widely available to wholesalers from owners of the cheaper brands.

But it was forced to see the gap between The Famous Grouse, its main brand, and the run of the pack widen from its normal level of 30p to 50p in the run-up to Christmas, when the bulk of the discounting in Scotch takes place, before it took action.

Famous Grouse sales therefore held up well in the UK, increasing 6 per cent in the first half and showing some improvement in profits in spite of marketing spend up by a quarter. Disappointment with profits across the group was behind the fall in the share price yesterday. Highland shares now sell on 17.5 times' earnings, still a 20 per cent premium to the rest of the sector. As a pure Scotch play, they should only be viewed positively if, as some forecasters suggest, the next upturn in that market is not far off.



Camas

THERE were few surprises from Camas, which is no bad thing for a newly listed company. European profits forged ahead while the US, excluding acquisitions, made no real headway largely because of fall-off in volumes after completion of Denver Airport. Nevertheless, it was pleasing to see the company making the most of better market conditions, particularly in Britain, which is still its most important region.

Operating margins rose to 4.8 per cent from 3.4 per cent on the back of higher volumes as well as increased prices. Whether these volume rises will be maintained in the current year remains to be seen. Recent strong demand from housebuilders is likely to tail off with housing starts expected to decline. But Camas has been able to push through price increases and with further opportunities to cut costs, it should hold margins even if volumes dip.

The prospects for progress in the US are less promising. Increased commercial activity is likely to be offset by a decline in residential building activity and profits from the region in the current year will be similar to 1994. On a prospective p/e of about 14 times, the shares are fairly valued.

Morgan Crucible

MORGAN CRUCIBLE'S trading performance in 1994 looked a touch pedestrian, with operating profits up by just 3 per cent to £83.7 million. This did not deter the City, which marked up its shares by 4 per cent yesterday in a fit of enthusiasm, a sharp contrast to the disdain it has lavished on other industrial manufacturers recently.

The reason behind such optimism was Morgan's news that its order book is 10 per cent higher than a year ago, helped partly by the car industry's strong demand for electric motors. While the order book only stretches out six weeks, such a sharp rise in demand is a promise of widening margins and a jump in profits.

Morgan is halfway through the task of recycling the £67 million it raised from the sale of the Holt Lloyd car care business last year. The group has been adept at reinvesting quickly and is minimising the dilution caused by the disposal. The group is well advanced in finding acquisitions in technical ceramics and speciality materials. The niche manufacturing businesses that Morgan is keen on are already expanding group margins.

The growth in Morgan's order book could propel profits to £85 million this year, a 17 per cent rise. That would put the shares on less than 13 times earnings, which is inexpensive.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	932-931	Jul	1029-1028
Jul	951-950	Sep	1037-1036
Sep	967-966	Dec	1051-1050
Dec	987-985	Mar	1069-1063
Mar	1007-1005		
May	1016-1014		Volume: 2307

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3085-3082	Jan	2945-2938
Jul	3025-3024	Mar	unq
Sep	2986-2985	May	2920-2900
Nov	2956-2950		Volume: 1531

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	323.0-22.5
Spot: 375.0		Mar	318.2-17.7
May	374.2-73.5	May	318.1-16.2
Aug	362.9-62.2	Aug	317.1-13.7
Oct	332.5-32.0		Volume: 1554

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 31

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB.	88.90	131.34	124.57
(+/-)	-1.34	+1.15	+2.68
Eng/Wales:	88.90	130.68	124.91
(+/-)	-1.34	+0.54	+3.08
(%)	+12.0	-20.0	+13.0
Scotland:	unq	133.94	122.49
(+/-)	--	+3.99	+0.27
(%)	--	-27.0	+7.0

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CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.85	-0.20
Brent 15 day (May)	17.30	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Jun)	17.10	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.90	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	18.75	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 193 (n/c)	O: 185 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	155 (-2)	156 (-3)
Non EEC 1H May	152 (-2)	153 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jun	151 (-3)	152 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	97 (n/c)	99 (n/c)
Naphtha	168 (-1)	170 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Apr	152.50-52.75	Jul	151.00-51.50
May	150.75-51.00	Aug	152.75-53.00
Jun	150.25-50.50		Vol. 18367

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	17.32-17.33	Aug	16.76-16.79
Jun	17.07-17.08	Sep	16.68-16.71
Jul	16.87-16.89		Vol. 23349

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	116.00	May	110.50
Jul	116.95	Sep	101.50
Sep	102.35	Nov	102.25
Nov	103.50	Jan	104.40
Jan	105.50	Mar	105.75
	Volume: 444		Volume: 10

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	300.0	295.5
May	340.0	335.5
Jul	unq	unq
		Volume: 34

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
May 122.75-123.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 95	unq	unq	2128
May 95	2075	2040	2069
Jun 95	unq	unq	1940
Jul 95	1885	1870	1880
Vol: 72 lots		Open Interest: 4274	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2978.0-2979.0	2918.0-2919.0	1483225
Lead ($/tonne)	994.00-995.00	607.00-608.00	147800
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1036.0-1036.5	1060.0-1061.0	284275
Tin ($/tonne)	5795.0-5800.0	5835.0-5840.0	14065
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1861.0-1862.0	1870.0-1871.0	1608500
Nickel ($/tonne)	7595.0-7600.0	7730.0-7735.0	47160

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
All'd Dom.	500	39½	47½	53½	0½	10½	14
(*530)	550	4½	16½	25½	15½	34	37½
Argyll	280	13	20	25½	3	12	15
(*283)	300	3	10½	16½	13	23½	26
ASDA	70	5	7½	9½	0½	2½	3½
(*74½)	80	0½	3	5	6	7½	9
Boots	500	10	22½	32	6	21½	23½
(*504½)	550	0	5½	13	45½	56	57
Br Airways	390	19½	30	37½	2	13½	18
(*407)	420	3	14½	23	15½	29½	33½
BP	420	14½	25½	34½	2½	11½	16
(*431½)	460	0½	8	15½	28½	35	38
Br Steel	160	4	9½	13½	3	7½	9½
(*160½)	180	0	2½	5½	19½	21	22
C & W	390	11	24½	33	5½	17	21
(*395)	420	1	11½	20	25	35	38½
CU	493	42½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*533½)	543	7	—	—	16	—	—
ICI	700	33	56	65	3	13½	24
(*730)	750	4	27	38½	24½	35½	48
Kingfshr	420	39	41½	49	1½	11	16
(*455½)	460	4½	18½	26½	18½	29½	34½
Land Sec	550	43½	50½	54	0	9½	12
(*592)	600	6	16½	24½	12½	33	30½
M & S	390	29	34	41½	0	5½	10½
(*418)	420	5	15	23	7	18	23
Nat West	500	40	54	62	1	9	16½
(*532)	550	6	24	33	17	29	37½
Sainsbury	420	14½	24	33½	2	13½	18
(*431)	460	0½	7	15	29	38½	41
Shell	700	15½	36	48	4	15	22
(*710)	750	0½	12½	23	40½	42½	49
Smkl Bch	460	26	38	48½	1½	10½	16½
(*480)	500	4	17½	28½	19	29½	30
Storehse	220	10½	17	19½	1	7	9
(*228)	240	1	6½	9½	11½	17½	19½
Trafalgar	50	5	8	9	0½	2	2½
(*54½)	60	0½	3	4½	6	7	7½
Unilever	1200	36	71	96½	5	20½	29
(*1228)	1250	8½	42½	67½	27½	42½	51
Zeneca	850	12½	61	75	5½	22	32½
(*874½)	900	7	34½	48½	30½	46	58
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	390	14	23½	30½	8	15½	17½
(*395)	420	2½	10½	16½	27	33	34½
Ladbroke	160	14	19½	22½	2½	4	7½
(*171)	180	3	9	12½	12	14½	17
Utd Bisc	330	14½	27	33	9	15	19
(*333½)	360	5½	15	19½	28½	32½	35½

April 3, 1995 Tot: 14334 Call: 8081
Put: 6253 FT-SE Call: 2281 Put: 3959
*Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	450	25½	—	—	1	—	—
(*473½)	475	7½	—	—	8	—	—
Thames W	460	24½	35	39	1	15½	19½
(*482½)	500	2	13	18½	19½	38½	41½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	23	36	42	7	17½	21
(*434½)	460	4½	16	23½	28	39	42½
BTR	330	11½	21	25	7½	11½	17½
(*332)	360	1½	8	12½	28½	30	35½
Br Aero	444	38½	—	—	4	—	—
(*473)	483	14	—	—	20	—	—
Br Telecm	390	12	20	23½	9	19	21½
(*390)	420	2	8	12	30½	39	41
Cadbury	409	39½	50	—	1	5½	—
(*444)	447	11	25½	—	12	18½	—
Guinness	420	38½	49	55	1½	6½	9
(*454)	460	11	23½	30	13½	20½	23½
GEC	280	21	29½	25½	1½	6½	9½
(*297)	300	8	14	17½	8½	16½	19
Hanson	220	17½	20½	23	1	4½	7
(*235)	240	4½	9	12½	8½	13½	16½
LASMO	160	9½	13½	18	4½	7½	9
(*162½)	180	2½	5½	9½	18	19½	21
Lucas	180	19	24½	28	2	5	9½
(*197½)	200	6	13	17	9½	13	17½
Pilkngtn	160	6½	10	13	4	9	10
(*162)	180	0½	3	5	18	21½	22½
Prudential	300	19	28½	32½	4	8½	11½
(*313)	330	4	13	17½	19½	23½	26½
Redland	420	21	29½	37	12	18½	25½
(*434)	460	4	12½	19½	40	43	48½
R-Royce	160	8	13½	16½	4½	7½	10½
(*162)	180	1½	5½	8	18½	20	22
Tesco	260	11½	17	21½	7	9½	12½
(*268)	280	2½	8	12	18½	21½	23½
Vodafone	200	8½	15	20½	6½	11½	14
(*201)	220	1½	7	12	20	23½	25½
Williams	330	19½	24	27	6	10½	15½
(*346)	360	4½	10	13	25	28	32

FT-SE INDEX (*3143)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Apr	150	114	75	43	20½	8½
May	179½	139	102½	72½	48½	29½
Jun	192	156	122½	93½	69½	48
Jul	216½	180	149	119½	95	73½
Dec	280½	—	220½	—	172½	—
Puts						
Apr	3½	8½	18½	37½	67	108
May	15½	25	38½	59½	86½	120
Jun	26	39½	56	77	103½	134
Jul	41½	55	73½	94	120	149½
Dec	79½	—	117	—	163	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	460	27½	38	45½	10½	18	20
(*472)	500	9	18½	26	32½	38½	41
Amstrad	150	29	—	—	1	—	—
(*175½)	175	11½	—	—	7½	—	—
Barclays	600	42½	54½	65½	11	21½	27
(*623)	650	16½	29	40	36	47	51½
Blue Circ	280	19	25½	32	8½	13½	17
(*296½)	300	9	16½	22	19½	24	27½
Br Gas	280	13	17	23½	9	12½	16½
(*287)	300	5	8½	12	22½	24½	28½
Dixons	220	18½	20	24	6	11½	13
(*229)	240	8½	10	14	16½	23½	23½
Forte	220	12½	17½	21½	5	9	12
(*228½)	240	4	8½	12	15	20½	22
Hillsdwn	180	8	11½	15	8	10½	11½
(*185½)	200	1½	4½	7½	23½	24½	25
Lonrho	140	17½	20½	24	2½	5½	7
(*157)	160	6½	10	13½	11½	14½	16½
Sears	100	6½	9	10½	3	4½	5½
(*104½)	110	1½	4	6	9½	10	11
Thrn EMI	1100	43	57½	69½	26½	47	53½
(*1109)	1150	20½	34	46½	55½	77	82
Tomkins	220	19½	23	27	3½	8½	10½
(*233)	240	8	12½	16½	12½	18½	20½
TSB	220	22½	29½	32	4½	9	10
(*236)	240	11	17	21	12½	18	19
Wellcome	1000	58½	65	—	0½	3½	—
(*1054½)	1050	21½	26	—	9½	18½	—
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	700	19½	46	61	7½	24½	40
(*710½)	750	2½	23	37	40½	52	57½
HSBC	650	52	77½	91½	2½	17	30
(*698½)	700	17	47½	63	16½	37	51
Reuter	460	11½	32	43	5½	19½	22
(*469½)	500	0	14	24½	31½	37½	43½
	Series	May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	280	10½	18½	22½	9½	13	19
(*280)	300	3½	10½	14	22	25	30½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	22	28	32½	4	7	9
(*179½)	180	10	17	22½	12	15½	17½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	550	34	40	50	8½	28½	34
(*572)	600	9½	24½	35½	33½	57	62½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	20½	26½	33½	16	20½	22½
(*427)	460	4½	11½	17½	44½	47	48
Scot Pwr	300	28	34	38	6	12½	13
(*320)	330	11½	17½	22½	18½	28	28

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 69504	Jun 95	3163.0	3179.0	3152.0	3169.0	6720
	Sep 95				3193.0	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4380	Jun 95				3455.0	0
	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 406572	Jun 95	92.75	92.78	92.71	92.78	14693
	Sep 95	92.33	92.37	92.28	92.36	13267
	Dec 95	91.95	92.01	91.90	92.00	8460
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 1149	Jun 95				93.52	0
	Sep 95				93.27	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 732546	Jun 95	95.25	95.30	95.24	95.30	24178
	Sep 95	95.04	95.11	95.03	95.10	19212
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 96838	Jun 95	102-30	103-18	102-22	103-14	29099
	Sep 95	102-19	102-19	102-19	103-04	5
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	115.75	115.93	115.66	115.85	3298
	Sep 95				114.87	0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 191423	Jun 95	91.91	92.50	91.84	92.42	106802
	Sep 95	91.50	91.59	91.50	91.91	356
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 15241	Jun 95	93.22	93.27	93.19	93.25	1550
	Sep 95	93.18	93.24	93.16	93.22	404
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 38973	Jun 95	96.48	96.61	96.48	96.60	2203
	Sep 95	96.40	96.52	96.40	96.53	495
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 47222	Jun 95	93.60	93.75	92.98	93.28	26619
	Sep 95				92.63	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O'night high: 6½ Low 4½ Week fixed: 6¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6⅜. Sell: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth 6¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜	6⅝-6½	6 15/16-6 13/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6 15/16-6¾	7¼-7	7 11/16-7 9/16
Interbank:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6 15/16-6¾	7¼-7	7 11/16-7 9/16
Overnight: open 5½ close 5½.					
Local Authority Deps:	6½	n/a	6¾	7	7½
Sterling CDs:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-6⅞	7⅝-7½
Dollar CDs:	6.08	n/a	6.22	6.40	6.75
Building Society CDs:	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6 15/16-6¾	7¼-7	7⅝-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 28, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN [illegible]

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6¼-6⅛	6½-6⅜	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	4⅝-4½	4½-4⅜	4⅝-4½	4¾-4⅝	5½-4½
French Franc:	8-7½	7⅜-7⅛	7½-7¼	7⅝-7⅜	9-7
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3⅜	3⅝-3⅜	3⅝-3⅜	4½-3½
Yen:	1⅝-1½	1½-1⅜	1⅜-1¼	1⅜-1¼	2¼-1¼

GOLD/PRECIOUS [illegible]

Bullion: Open $391.80-392.30 Close: $392.20-392.70 High: $393.00-393.50
Low: $390.50-391.00 AM: $392.25 PM: $392.30

Krugerrand: $393.00-395.00 (£243.00-245.00)

Platinum: $442.00 (£273.75) Silver: $5.29 (£3.265) Palladium: $172.75 (£106.85)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4827-2.4991	2.4827-2.4859	½-¼pr	1¼-1pr
Brussels	45.56-45.66	45.56-45.66	5-2pr	13-8pr
Copenhagen	8.7720-8.8370	8.7790-8.7940	¼-1¼ds	½-2¼ds
Dublin	0.9985-1.0020	0.9988-1.0014	1-4ds	6-12ds
Frankfurt	2.2174-2.2343	2.2174-2.2205	½-¼pr	1½-1pr
Lisbon	234.57-235.97	234.57-235.21	70-90ds	240-260ds
Madrid	204.65-205.75	204.68-204.98	43-53ds	146-168ds
Milan	2779.10-2791.50	2780.30-2790.20	8-11ds	29-34ds
Montreal	2.2512-2.2700	2.2614-2.2645	0.30-0.35ds	0.63-0.70ds
New York	1.6155-1.6190	1.6174-1.6184	0.04-0.02pr	0.16-0.12pr
Oslo	9.9340-10.0030	9.9340-9.9500	1½-1¼pr	4-2¾pr
Paris	7.7640-7.8100	7.7710-7.7850	¼-1½ds	1½-2½ds
Stockholm	11.8760-11.9890	11.8760-11.9010	1½-2¾ds	5½-7½ds
Tokyo	139.35-140.62	139.40-139.66	½-¼pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	15.59-15.71	15.59-15.62	2½-1½pr	7½-5½pr
Zurich	1.8153-1.8321	1.8153-1.8182	½-¼pr	1½-1¼pr

Source: Extel
Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3627-1.3636
Austria	9.64-9.65
Belgium (Com)	28.20-28.23
Canada	1.4013-1.4018
Denmark	5.4355-5.4385
France	4.8045-4.8065
Germany	1.3720-1.3725
Hong Kong	7.7313-7.7320
Ireland	1.6165-1.6195
Italy	1721.5-1724.5
Japan	86.16-86.26
Malaysia	2.5240-2.5250
Netherlands	1.5363-1.5368
Norway	6.1505-6.1525
Portugal	145.22-145.32
Singapore	1.4065-1.4075
Spain	126.58-126.68
Sweden	7.3550-7.3650
Switzerland	1.1240-1.1250

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6178-1.6205
Australia dollar	2.2052-2.2074
Bahrain dinar	0.605-0.617
Brazil real*	1.4592-1.4634
China yuan	12.75 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.71-0.72
Finland markka	6.9375-7.0535
Greece drachma	360.90-367.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.5111-12.5158
India rupee	50.50-51.46
Indonesia rupiah	3590.00-3658.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4705-0.4805
Malaysia ringgit	4.0843-4.0872
New Zealand dollar	2.4688-2.4722
Pakistan rupee	49.55 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.020-6.146
Singapore dollar	2.2764-2.2794
S Africa rand (com)	5.8072-5.8111
U A E dirham	5.895-6.019

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,600	Legal & Gn	626
ASDA Gp	7,600	Lloyds Bk	3,700
Abbey Natl	2,600	MEPC	492
Alld Dom	1,100	Marks Spr	3,500
Argyll Gp	1,800	NatWst Bk	3,000
Arjo Wiggn	1,300	Nat Power	2,200
AB Foods	108	Nth Wst W	1,500
BAA	846	P & O	1,400
BAT Inds	3,600	Pearson	1,600
BOC	450	PowerGen	2,300
BP	4,800	Prudential	2,400
BTR	7,000	RMC	112
BT	9,400	RTZ	2,100
Bk of Scot	863	Rank Org	889
Barclays	2,700	Reckitt Col	270
Bass	2,400	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	1,400	Reed Intl	505
Boots	2,700	Rentokil	633
Bowater	501	Reuters	1,900
Brit Aero	764	Rolls Royce	2,200
Brit Airwys	3,000	Ryl Ins	3,600
Brit Gas	6,100	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000
Brit Steel	6,600	Sainsbury	1,400
Burmah Cstl	901	Schroders	35
Cable Wire	5,400	Scot & New	497
Cadbury	1,500	Scot Power	701
Caradon	560	Sears	2,300
Carlton Cms	671	Svrn Trent	807
Cm Union	1,900	Shell Trans	2,300
Courtaulds	692	Siebe	268
De La Rue	1,100	SmKl Bch	3,700
Eastern Elec	806	Smith Nph	475
Enterpr Oil	506	Sthern Elec	317
Forte	976	Std Chartd	2,500
GKN	367	Sun Alliance	1,300
GRE	2,000	TI Gp	843
GUS	1,700	TSB	3,800
Gen Acc	2,000	Tate & Lyle	346
Gen Elec	2,200	Tesco	3,900
Glaxo	4,100	Thames W	1,900
Granada	3,200	Thrn EMI	1,100
Grand Met	4,100	Tomkins	1,100
Guinness	6,000	Unilever	1,500
HSBC	3,200	Utd Bisc	534
Hanson	6,400	Vodafone	8,600
ICI	1,000	Warburg	2,400
Inchcape	3,100	Whitbread	674
Kingfisher	692	Wlms Hld	1,400
Ladbroke	2,500	Wolseley	754
Land Secs	2,300	Zeneca	1,200

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	Apr 3 midday	Mar 31 close
AMP Inc	36	36
AMR Corp	64	64
AT & T	51	51
Abbott Labs	35	35
Advanced Micro	33	33
Aetna Life	57	57
Ahmanson (HF)	18	18
Air Prod & Chem	51	52
Albertson's	32	32
Alcan Aluminum	29	29
Alco Standard	72	72
Allied Signal	38	39
Alum Co of Am	41	41
Amax Gold Inc	5	5
Amerada Hess	50	49
Amer Brands	39	39
Amer El Power	31	31
Amer Express	34	34
Amer Genl Corp	32	32
Amer Home Pr	72	71
Amer Intl	103	104
Amer Stores	25	25
Ameritech	41	41
Amoco	63	63
Anheuser-Busch	59	58
Apple Computer	35	35
Archer Daniels	18	18
Armco	6	6
Armstrong Wrld	45	45
Asarco	25	26
Ashland Oil	35	35
Atl Richfield	115	115
Auto Data Pro	62	63
Avery Dennison	39	39
Avon Products	60	60
Baker Hughes	20	20
Baltim Gas & El	23	23
Banc One	28	28
BankAmerica	48	48
Bank of NY	33	32
Bankers Tr NY	52	52
Barnett Banks	45	45
Bausch & Lomb	35	35
Baxter Intl	32	32
Becton Dickinson	54	54
Bell Atlantic	53	52
Bell Industries	21	21
BellSouth	59	59
Black & Decker	28	28
Block (H&R)	43	43
Boeing	52	53
Boise Cascade	34	34
Bristol Myrs Sq	62	63
Browning Ferris	33	34
Brunswick	20	20
Burlington Nthn	59	59
CBS	63	64
CNA Financial	75	75
CPC Intl	54	54
CSX	78	78
Campbell Soup	47	48
Cdn Pacific	14	15
Cpd Cities ABC	87	88
Carolina Pwr	27	27
Caterpillar	55	55
Central & SW	24	24
Champion Intl	42	43
Chase Manhat	36	35
Chemical Bk	37	37
Chevron Corp	47	48
Chrysler	42	41
Chubb Corp	79	79
Cigna Corp	74	74
Citicorp	42	42
Clorox	60	60
Coastal Corp	28	28
Coca Cola	57	56
Colgate-Palmolive	65	66
Columbia Gas	29	28
Compaq Comp	33	34
Comp Ass Intl	58	59
Conagra	33	33
Conrail	55	58
Cons Edison	27	27
Cons Nat Gas	38	38
Cooper Inds	38	38
Corning Inc	36	36
Crown Cork	43	43
Dana Corp	25	25
Dayton Hudson	71	71
Deere	80	81
Delta Air Lines	62	62
Deluxe Corp	28	28
Detroit Edison	27	27
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Dillard Dept St	28	27
Disney (Walt)	54	55
Dominion Res	36	36
Donnelley (RR)	34	34
Dover Corp	65	64
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Duke Power	38	38
Dun & Bradstreet	52	52
Du Pont	61	60
Eastman Kodak	53	53
Eaton Corp	54	54
Emerson Elec	66	66
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Entergy	21	20
Ethyl Corp	10	10
Exxon	66	66
FMC Corp	60	60
FPL Group	36	36
Federal Express	66	67
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First Chicago	50	50
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Fleet Finl Grp	32	32
Fluor Corp	48	48
Ford Motor	27	27
GTE Corp	33	33
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Gap Inc Del	35	35
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Gen Electric	54	54
Gen Mills	60	59
Gen Motors	44	44
Gen Reinsurance	131	132
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Georgia Pac	80	79
Gillette	81	81
Glaxo ADR	22	22
Goodrich (BF)	44	44
Goodyear Tire	37	36
Grace (WR)	52	53
Gt Atl Pac Tea	22	22
Great Wstn Fin	19	18
Halliburton	36	36
Harcourt General	38	37
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Hercules	46	46
Hershey Foods	51	51
Hewlett Packard	120	120
Hilton Hotels	74	74
Home Depot	44	44
Homestake Mng	18	18
Honeywell	37	37
Household Intl	43	43
Houston Inds	38	38
Humana	25	25
ITT Corp	103	102
Illinois Tool	48	48
Illinova	22	22
INCO	27	27
Ingersoll Rand	33	33
Inland Steel	27	27
Intel Corp	85	84
IBM	83	81
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Intl Paper	74	75
James River Va	26	26
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	59	59
Kellogg	58	58
Kerr-McGee	50	51
Kimberly-Clark	51	52
Kmart	13	13
Knight-Ridder	56	56
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Limited Inc	22	22
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Liz Claiborne	17	17
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Louisiana Pac	27	27
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Marriott Int	34	34
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Masco Corp	22	27
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Maytag Corp	17	17
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Mead Corp	54	53
Medtronic	69	69
Mellon Bk	40	40
Melville Corp	37	37
Merck Inc	43	42
Merrill Lynch	42	42
Minnesota Mine	57	58
Mobil Corp	91	92
Monsanto	79	80
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Motorola Inc	54	54
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Navistar Int	12	12
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NY Times A	23	23
Newmont Mng	42	42
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Nike B	75	74
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Noram Energy	5	5
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Norfolk Sthn	66	66
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Norwest Corp	25	25
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Owens Corning	36	36

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Pac Gas & Elect	25	24
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Pall Corp	20	21
Panhandle East	23	23
Parker Hannifin	44	44
Peco Energy	25	25
Penney (JC)	44	44
Pennzoil	47	47
Pepsico	39	39
Pfizer	86	85
Phelps Dodge	56	56
Philip Morris	66	65
Phillips Pet	36	36
Pitney Bowes	35	36
Polaroid	34	34
PriceCostco	14	14
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Providian	35	35
Pub Serv E & G	27	27
Quaker Oats	33	33
Ralston Purina	47	47
Raychem Corp	41	40
Raytheon	71	72
Reebok Intl	35	35
Reynolds Metals	48	49
Roadway Srvcs	48	48
Rockwell Intl	38	39
Rohm & Haas	58	59
Royal Dutch	120	120
Rubbermaid	32	33
Safeco Corp	54	54
St Paul's Cos	49	50
Salomon Inc	33	33
Santa Fe Pac	23	23
Sara Lee Corp	26	26
Scecorp	15	15
Schering Plough	74	74
Schlumberger	59	59
Scott Paper	87	88
Seagram	30	31
Sears Roebuck	53	53
Shell Trans	70	70
Sherwin Wllms	33	33
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	36	36
Southern Co	20	20
Sthwestern Bell	41	42
Sprint Corp	30	30
Stanley Works	39	39
Sun Company	28	28
Sun Microsys	34	34
Suntrust	53	53
Supervalu	26	26
Sysco Corp	26	26
TRW Inc	68	68
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	14	15
Tandy Corp	47	47
Teledyne	26	26
Temple Inland	45	44
Tenet Healthcare	15	15
Tenneco	46	47
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Texas Inst	88	88
Texas Utilities	31	31
Textron	55	56
Time Warner	37	37
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Toys R Us	26	25
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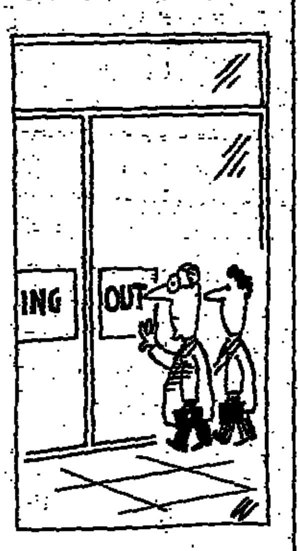
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Jobs trouble for Rocco

SIR Rocco Forte's reorganisation plans for the Meridien Hotel chain, bought from Air France last November for Fr1.82 billion, have been somewhat frustrated. A *Tribunal de Grande Instance* in Paris has put them on "hold" while a question of jobs is sorted out. Forte has been given an April 30 deadline to submit to the court all documents relating to the Meridien acquisition. What the documents should help determine is whether or not Sir Rocco really did give a guarantee that his ownership of the Meridien would not result in job cuts. On February 9, Forte announced a reorganisation plan for the entire hotel chain. Staff representatives on Meridien's works council say the Forte plan affects at least 70 of the 107 people employed at the chain's administrative headquarters in Paris. Attempts by the works council, and the French media, to discuss the matter with Randolph Guthrie, Sir Rocco's right-hand man have not been successful. Meanwhile, if the works council does not like the eventual ruling from the court, then it can prolong the plan's suspension for several months by taking the matter to appeal.

Bubbling up

IF KENNETH CLARKE wants proof of the "*feel-good*" factor, he need look no further than last year's Champagne market which, after several lean financial years, is beginning to bubble again. Britain, Germany and America helped the world Champagne market grow an overall 5.45 per cent in 1994, which translates into 241.5 million bottles — not that far short of 1989's record year of 249 million bottles.



MORE collective nouns: an argument of analysts, a tick of gilt dealers, a vat of tax officials, a mirage of PROs, an equivocation of economists, a lot of auctioneers, a queue of snooker players.

Men of letters

THE special relationship between the United States and Britain may have had its ups and downs of late. But that between the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and between two of their former governors, Benjamin Strong and Montagu Norman, was never in any doubt. In co-operation with the Bank for International Settlements, a two-month exhibition of the governors' letters is going on display from April 12 at the Bank of England Museum, admission free.

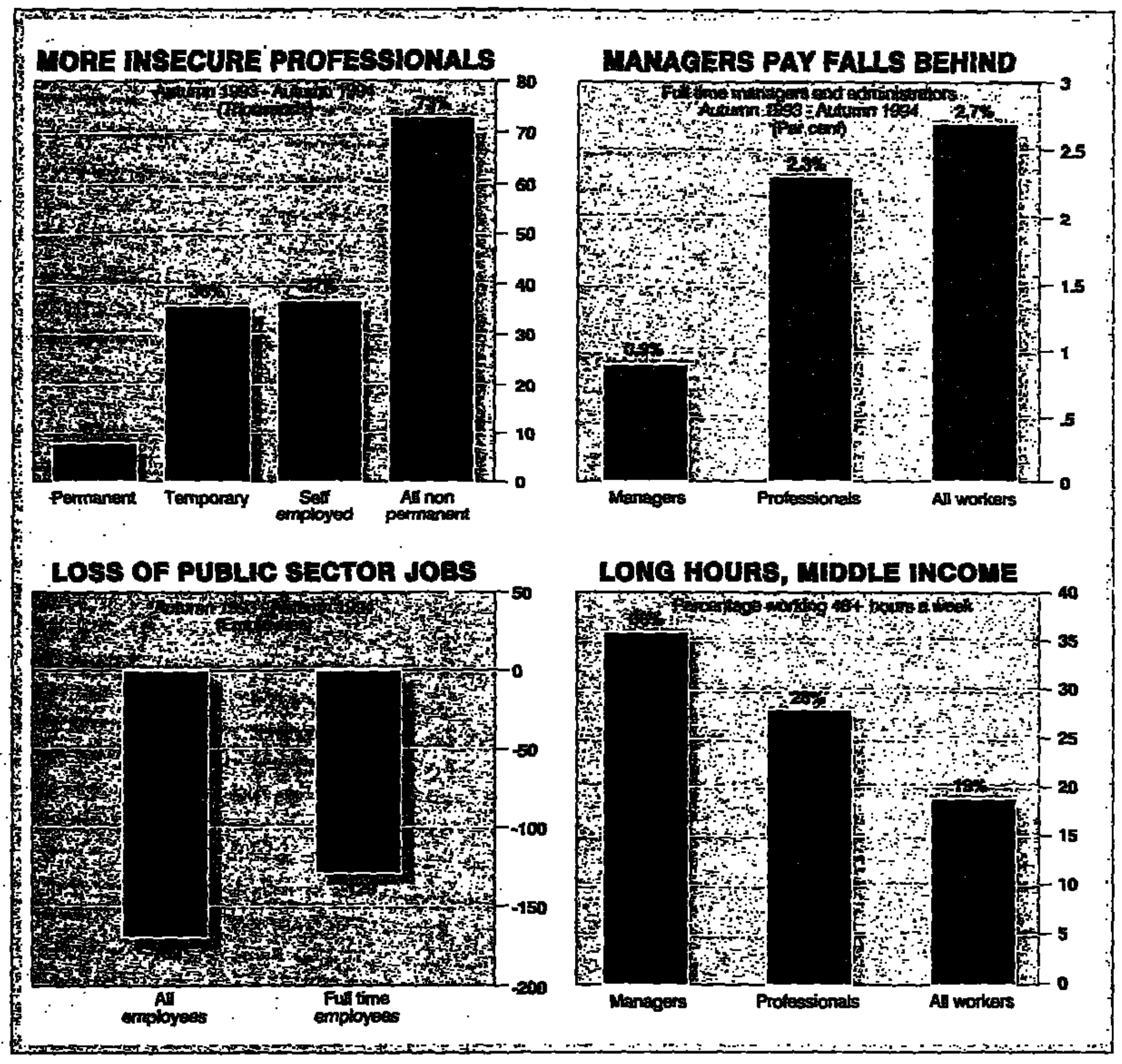
Latest butt

JUST when you thought the status of non-executive directors could fall no further, they become the butt of "what's the difference?" jokes. For example — What's the difference between a non-executive and a supermarket trolley? Answer: A supermarket trolley has a mind of its own but a non-executive can hold a lot more food and drink.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Tory labour laws bring fear to the middle class

Giving employers a free hand to hire and fire is creating insecurity, says the TUC's **John Monks**



The 75,000 banking employees now facing the prospect of losing their jobs, and joining the 90,000 who have already gone from the industry over the past six years, are unlikely to be impressed by Cabinet members who hold out the prospect of tax cuts.

To make matters worse, many more white-collar, *middle-class jobs are at* risk in building societies and insurance companies, as Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds Bank, has pointed out. This is a severe blow to the Prime Minister's attempt to address the vexed question of middle-class insecurity, at Saturday's meeting of the Conservative Central Council.

Technological change and global competition are *nothing new*. What is *new is that deregulation and a harsh industrial-relations climate have given* a signal to employers that they do not have to give proper regard to job security.

Insecurity has been encouraged over the past 16 years by a conscious Government pursuit of a policy of labour market deregulation. This has been linked to eight pieces of legislation hostile to trade unions and has released employers from any obligation to consult with their workforces.

The big employers used to be the ones who provided secure, and often pensionable, employment, but they are the ones now cutting jobs. Meanwhile, the new jobs that are being created are in small firms and are mainly part time, short-term contract, freelance or self-employed.

The Government's own figures reveal in the Labour Force Survey that for the year to autumn 1994 only 13 per cent of the net increase in employment was in permanent jobs — that was a mere *39,000 for the whole of Britain. For the rest of the jobs, 46 per cent were temporary and 41 per cent were self-*employed. This results from the Government's determination to create a "flexible" labour market.

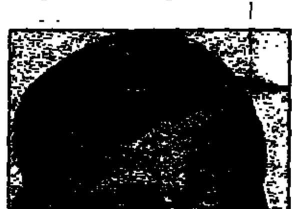
Such a level of flexibility, and its resultant encouragement to economic short termism, has encouraged employers to take full advantage of the vulnerability of their employees. Shareholders and executive remuneration come first; *while long-term investment, training and customer service come a poor second in too many cases.*

Successive governments have compounded the fear of redundancy that is gripping middle-class, white-collar workers and robbed them of employment security, through their rejection of "society" and their determination to cut public spending.

The cuts in unemployment benefits through the Jobseekers Allowance, for example, will have its severest impact *on middle income earners. They will receive only six months unemployment* benefit, after having paid contributions to justify 12 months. This will cause resentment as many of them will have *savings* above the level to receive income support and will see their savings reduced rapidly.

These worries are added to by concerns about the cutback in income support for mortgage payers in October. This is added to by the insecurity of maintaining a home. There are 1.25 million households in negative equity, and 250,000 mortgages are more than six months in arrears. Many middle-class *families* fear *what they perceive as the decline in the qual*ity of the health and education services and pensions and benefits. Many have made provision through the private sector and are now facing the prospect of no longer being able to pay the bills.

Despite the evident recovery that is taking place, particularly in the export sector, it is equally evident that this has not fed through to create the famed "feel good" factor. Voters have long memories. John Major won the 1992 election mainly because he persuaded enough people that the country was set for economic recovery. But the *recession continued to bite. There have now been two deep recessions under this Government. In many ways they* were similar. Both flowed from economic policy failures. Yet they were also different. The first great recession of the early 1980s *mainly hit towns and* regions dependent on declining industries. The victims were largely manual workers and job losses were geographically concentrated.


Monks: seeking new deal

While Britain suffered unnecessarily badly, it was still impossible to deny that a worldwide restructuring of many heavy industries was taking place. Even with a Government sympathetic towards shipbuilding and *steelmaking towns there would have been inevitable changes in Britain's industrial* structure.

The second recession has been called by some "the classless recession". Job losses were as likely to hit prosperous towns in southern England as defence procurement *was cut, retailing* went into decline and construction dried up.

Even people in secure jobs could see that their children had few prospects of a career in the traditional sense, and at best could hope only for a succession of temporary and insecure jobs. Every company seemed to be in a continual process of *downsizing or delayering.*

In short, middle England has come to feel betrayed — a very powerful emotion that is unlikely to be shifted by even the most uplifting statistics. Middle England's residents had bought the *rhetoric* of economic miracle and confused the credit boom of the early 1980s with a permanent improvement in their living standards.

Instead they have witnessed Britain's social divisions becoming sharper, as the Rowntree inquiry into Income and Wealth showed. The distribution of income is more unequal now than at any time since the Second World War. There has been no "trickle-down" *of wealth; and there is no evidence that the widening income gap has increased economic growth and* raised the living standards of the poor.

In addition, employment is increasingly polarised between households with two earners and a growing number where nobody has a job.

Only a new approach with a new policy direction from the Government will resolve these dilemmas for all the British people. We need to see the *reinstatement of full employment as a central policy objective, along with the* adoption the European Union's Social Chapter.

British employees should also enjoy minimum labour standards, including a national minimum wage and the right to representation at work, both collective and individual. These objectives could be achieved by embracing "social partnership", between employers, *their workforces, and Government* as a *means of* building a new consensus within the world of work, and creating a shared vision for the future.

☐ *The author is General-Secretary of the TUC*

Barings chiefs fall decently on their swords

Peter Baring and Andrew Tuckey take an honourable exit, says **Jon Ashworth**

Last Christmas, Peter Baring may well have been toasting his *imminent retirement as chairman of the Barings banking* group after a respectable *run*. His deputy, Andrew Tuckey, could look forward to becoming the first "outsider" to take the helm in the bank's 230-year history.

But events unfold with frightening speed in the City, and, yesterday, both men put down the glasses, bowed to the inevitable and cashed in their chips.

Mr Baring, 59, *has done* "the honourable thing" and resigned ahead of the publication of the Bank of England's report on the Barings collapse. Mr Tuckey, 51, steps down as deputy chairman, his crowning achievement snatched from his grasp, and *is effectively barred from pursuing a fresh career until the* Bank's report sees the light of day.

The affair has put an untimely end to one of the City's more unlikely double acts. Mr Baring, in his solid, unostentatious way, was the ideal man to carry the Barings banner *forward into the nine*ties. Quiet and unassuming, he read English at Magdalene College, Cambridge, before joining Barings Brothers in 1959, when he was just 24. His father, Francis, was killed in action in 1940. His mother, Lady Rose Baring, 85, is a *sometime Lady in Waiting to the Queen.*

Never one to give interviews, he summed up his career to a reporter with the words: "I have been with Barings all my working life; that is all you need to know."

He became rather more talkative in the wake of the bank's collapse, muttering darkly about conspiracies and suggesting that Nick *Leeson may have been in cahoots with an unnamed* third party. His claims were greeted with scepticism by bankers and dealers.

He earned about £1.2 million in 1993 and remains deputy chairman of Provident Mutual and chairman of the British Merchant Banking and Securities Houses Association.

Much of the blame for the collapse, fairly or unfairly, falls squarely on Mr Tuckey's shoulders. He was the hands-on executive, heading Baring Brothers, the merchant banking subsidiary, and presiding over *the corporate finance team that advised blue-chip clients ranging from Wellcome* to Lloyds Bank.

Born and educated in the former Southern Rhodesia, he qualified as an accountant and then did a two-year spell with British American Tobacco. He joined Baring Brothers in 1968, becoming a director within five years, and served as managing *director during the eighties.*

Intensely *ambitious*, he has been variously described as impetuous and short-tempered yet able to turn on the charm when necessary. He is said to have developed a taste for the Orient during a stint in Hong Kong. He earned a reputed £1.67 million in 1993, *and used his wealth to indulge his passion for opera*, as a director of the Royal Opera House and treasurer of the Friends of Covent Garden.

The Tuckeys are well-known in City circles. Andrew's elder brother, Sir Simon, a High Court judge, is *a former head of the Financial* Reporting Council Review Panel. His younger brother, James, is chief executive of MEPC, the property group.

Tuckey is barred from a fresh career until the Bank reports

Mr Baring, as he reflects on recent events, could be forgiven a *sense of déja vù. It is almost two years to the day since he accepted the* resignation of another former Barings high-flyer, the enormously well-paid Christopher Heath. Mr Heath earned more than £3 million in 1989 as head of Baring Securities, making him Britain's highest paid employee, but relations with the bank turned sour after a spectacular run of success with Japanese warrants came to a crashing halt. Japan has come round again, and the actions of one man are back in the frame; only this time it is Mr Baring who has fallen on his sword.

Mr Tuckey, meanwhile, may have spotted another irony in the whole saga. City *headhunters are busy with another former Zimbab*wean, a mere five years his junior and with a fleeting spell in banking to his name: one Rupert Pennant-Rea.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Company purpose embraces service as well as profit

From Mr Kenneth Armitage

Sir, Mr John Argenti offers some simple analogies (Business Letters, March 28) to support his case that organisations exist purely for the benefit of the major shareholder.

Is he suggesting, therefore, that *the House of Commons exists for politicians*, that the House of Lords exists for their Lordships, and that the police exist for criminals?

All organisations have more than one objective. As Henry Ford, the founder of the Ford Motor Company, suggested, "it has been thought *that business existed for* profit. That is wrong. Business exists *for service*. It is a profession, and must have recognised professional ethics, to violate which declasses man" and "profits belong in three places; they belong to the business — to keep it steady, progressive and sound. They belong to the men who helped produce them. And they belong also, in part, to the public. A successful business is profitable to all three of these interests — planner, producer and purchaser".

All organisations are partnerships, not equal perhaps, but partnerships nevertheless. This appears to be the approach adopted in most Japanese and German companies and probably explains why they are more successful. Oh, and management consultants and theorists exist for themselves — period.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr E. J. Strangeway

Sir, I appreciate (but do not agree with) Mr Argenti's positive approach to the clarity of company *purpose*. Surely, increased shareholder value and the profit motive must sit comfortably with other key elements in the business equation, viz employees, national and local politics, social and *local interests and, of course, customers and suppliers.*

Unless these *key* elements are recognised and "carried", I cannot see much of a long-term future these days for the type of company envisaged by Mr Argenti. Regardless of the point of view held, these issues deserve serious and on-going debate, and, thank goodness, *at least one forum* in London, the Strategic Planning Society, regularly addresses them.

Yours faithfully,
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NSPCC scheme shows how to give unwanted shares to charity

From Mr Russell Pendsé

Sir, Mr J.P. Simon's idea of pooling unwanted shares has a number of attractions *to* shareholders and, *no doubt*, would *benefit the chosen charities (Letters, March 28).* However, the concept of holding shares in Newco, pending *sales in the future*, is fraught with *dangers* and is likely to *fall foul of* FSA regulations.

Newco will have to prove *that it can provide adequately sophisticated accounting procedures*, safe custody and insurance safeguards to protect *donors'* interests while shares are held in "trust". Would Newco be required to be registered with an SRO? If so, a suitably qualified compliance officer, and other personnel, would also be required. All this would be expensive, resulting in the erosion of *monies available for distribution to charities.*

Just over a year ago, I organised a scheme for the benefit of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) whereby clients of Brown Shipley Stockbroking could donate their unwanted shares to the charity at no cost to themselves. I believe that since its inception the NSPCC has received several thousand pounds' worth of shares. More importantly, it has made useful contacts with a large number of potential donors, some of whom have pledged part of their future dividend income to be donated regularly to the NSPCC. Ultimately, I suppose, there is nothing to stop my clients instructing me to pass on large portions of their portfolios to the NSPCC *in order to be tax-efficient against inheritance tax.*

Judging by the responses I receive from investors, I can promise Mr Simon that a need does exist, and its huge, untapped potential recognised by those of us who care for our children.

Yours faithfully,
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Directors' pay

From Professor Emeritus P.G. Forrester

Sir, You report (March 29) that Alastair Ross Goobey, chief executive of Postel Investment Management, is saying: "We do have a role to play — but not at the level of setting *individual executives' pay.*" This is, in general, obviously right. Managers' pay should be determined by more senior management.

But the *fees* of directors, as distinct from the *salaries* of managers who happen also to be directors, should in principle be determined by those *they are elected to represent* — namely the shareholders. Institutional shareholders should not abdicate this responsibility.

A special case arises when, as is so often regrettably the case, that the chairman of the board is also effectively chief executive and the board consists mainly of *his subordinates. Who then, other than the shareholders, is going to prevent him taking as much* as he wants?

Yours faithfully,
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Interpreting dole data

From Mr John Shedden

Sir, With regard to the points raised by John Wells (Business Letters, March 28), one wonders how much of the employment service's success in reducing the figures of unemployed is attributable to the weeding out of bogus claimants.

Yours faithfully,
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Assets & Earnings	251.40	267.40	- 1.00	3.06
Comdty & Energy	95.00	101.10	+ 1.30	
Euro Capital Inc	126.70	137.10	- 1.80	
(Accum Units)	137.60	147.10	- 1.30	
General	224.40	223.70	- 0.70	2.22
Japan	109.20	115.70	- 5.10	
Worldwide	132.90	142.10	- 2.80	1.90
Ur Growth Dist	110.00	117.60	- 5.40	3.27
UK Emerging Dist	130.70	139.90	- 0.70	
Income & Growth	374.50	398.40	- 1.40	3.14
Spcial	64.90	68.72	- 0.05	3.19
Universal	106.10	112.90	- 1.50	
Dividend & Growth	58.45	62.18	- 0.28	4.52
Smaller Cos	66.77	71.20	- 0.15	2.32
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£15.53	£16.34		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
American & Growth	43.32	44.99	- 0.84	0.63
Cash	50.20	50.20	- 0.01	5.83
Emerging Mkts	62.07	65.71	- 0.49	0.05
European	105.20	110.30	- 0.10	
Extra	917.50	996.20	- 4.90	1.60
Extra Income #	43.43	46.02	- 0.16	6.42
Far East Emerg Eco	105.20	111.62	- 1.00	0.56
Fixed Interest #	21.56	22.63	- 0.04	9.14
Far East Inc	152.60	160.60	- 0.40	1.65
Japan	159.20	172.60	- 4.80	
Latin American	43.36	45.45	- 1.97	1.07
Pacific	67.17	70.92	- 1.72	0.37
Property Share	59.72	62.69	- 0.14	2.18
UK Emerging Cos	59.51	62.46	- 0.07	1.98
UK Smaller	42.27	44.65	- 0.75	2.61
Aber World Port #	69.59	73.74	- 0.40	2.31
Ethical	59.16	62.09	- 0.05	2.33
Aberdeen Gold Inc #	45.35	48.06	- 0.07	7.64
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
British Growth	67.57	71.89	- 0.63	3.00
Fixed Income	78.63	82.71	- 1.18	3.79
Euro Portfolio	85.44	36.04	- 0.63	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.32	76.72	- 0.03	2.68
Income Builder Inc	65.41	70.65	- 0.06	3.09

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	636.50	638.60		4.87
Fxd Int Sec	145.35	146.00		9.91
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	61.28	65.19	- 0.23	3.05
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	625.05	625.22		4.97
Accum	626.90	625.92		
Fixed Int Inc	119.00	119.16		9.73
Fixed Int Acc	187.15	187.60		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7867				
Intl Growth	105.06	114.94		
UK Income	102.28	111.38		5.414
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	76.48	80.97		1.49
Beck Bio-Tech	26.29	27.87		
Acorn Ethical Tst	143.51	150.68		0.74
City Fin Accum	66.93	70.28	- 0.73	1.29
City Fin America	95.13	90.43		
City Fin Intl	71.27	76.47		0.97
City Fin Japan	152.34	159.95		
Friars Hse Cap	263.45	284.82	- 0.04	1.73
Friars Hse Inc	187.71	202.86	- 0.07	4.16
Buckley Arkwt Gth	115.18	122.02	...	
Fairmnt Cap Gth	127.47	133.56		
Fairmount Intl	133.35	146.95		
City Fin Pstic Inc	53.14	55.80		4.41
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin. 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	50.90	53.55	- 0.63	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	57.34	61.23	- 0.19	
Atlas Mixed Gwth	34.35	36.75	- 0.05	0.59
Dragon Growth	60.19	64.37	- 0.93	0.65
Equity High Inc	79.17	84.22	- 0.21	4.29
(Accum Units)	107.27	114.12	- 0.41	4.29
European Gwth	48.27	51.35	- 0.02	1.22
Evergreen	25.61	27.39	- 0.11	
General Equity	30.35	32.77	- 0.29	2.98
Japan Growth	46.52	49.75	- 1.86	
Pedigree Gwth	48.70	51.47	- 0.15	2.98
Pedigree Cos Inc	29.44	30.25		1.67
(Accum Units)	29.65	31.44		1.67
Retirement Inc #	24.71	26.29	- 0.20	6.03
Special Sit	35.32	38.21	- 0.08	2.21
UK & Overseas	45.13	48.01	- 0.46	1.52
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	66.03	70.06	- 0.20	2.11
Income	59.72	63.30	- 3.16	4.25
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0161 686 8818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	149.63	159.23	- 0.07	5.50
Fixed & Convertible	37.73	40.11		7.46
Monthly Inc Plus	45.32	48.66	- 0.17	9.17
Preference Share	44.25	47.05	- 0.03	8.07
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	114.72	122.11	- 2.76	6.55
Managed Fund	64.47	68.59	- 0.28	2.30
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	35.30	38.09	- 0.05	2.11
(Accum Units)	41.57	44.33	- 0.05	2.11
UK & General	75.93	80.64	- 1.36	3.24
(Accum Units)	96.12	102.26	- 1.73	3.24
UK Growth	137.54	146.43	- 0.37	2.88
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	172.36	183.42	- 0.64	0.22
Far Eastern Gth	119.41	127.37	- 2.40	
Global Bond	75.95	80.28	- 0.36	6.32
Japan Growth	137.67	144.51	- 3.66	
North Amer Gth	165.83	176.94	- 0.32	
Oriental Growth	68.75	73.14	- 0.92	0.11
Worldwide Growth	61.62	65.51	- 0.63	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.47	91.47	+ 0.07	6.16
Homeowner Fund	74.85	79.62	- 0.49	1.90
Quilter Fund	122.70	130.71	- 0.52	2.48

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.83	48.19	- 0.10	3.38
-do- Inv Tst Inc	69.94	73.54	- 0.22	3.77
Intl Growth	63.48	66.75		
Investment Trust	83.38	87.68	- 0.34	
UK Smaller Cos	78.71	82.77	- 0.07	0.90
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 374 4100				
American Growth	55.14	58.95	+ 0.02	
(Accum Units)	55.14	58.95	+ 3.02	
Euro Smlr Cos	465.00	497.30	- 0.80	
(Accum Units)	475.00	508.00	- 0.60	
Capital Tst	288.50	306.80		1.61
(Accum Units)	414.80	441.10		1.61
Cont Smlr Cos	56.67	60.67	+ 0.32	0.51
(Accum Units)	59.59	63.81	+ 0.34	0.51
Convertible	113.20	128.80		5.87
(Accum Units)	240.70	256.00	- 0.20	5.87
Emerging Markets	60.37	64.38	- 0.95	
(Accum Units)	60.31	64.43	- 0.96	
European	111.80	118.80	+ 0.10	0.14
(Accum Units)	117.10	124.50	+ 0.10	0.14
Extra Income	318.20	338.40	+ 0.30	3.67
(Accum Units)	478.00	508.40	- 0.90	3.67
Financial	115.80	124.90	- 0.30	0.30
(Accum Units)	121.90	131.50	- 0.30	0.30
Gilt Trust	60.61	62.51	- 1.13	6.37
(Accum Units)	86.95	89.67	+ 0.80	6.37
Health Fund Inc	132.80	141.80	- 0.30	
(Accum Units)	132.80	141.80	- 0.30	
Income & Growth	183.50	195.20	- 0.10	3.32
(Accum Units)	277.10	294.80	- 0.20	3.32
Intl Growth	340.00	364.60	- 6.10	
(Accum Units)	377.00	404.20	- 6.80	
Japan & Gen	155.00	165.40	- 4.50	
(Accum Units)	156.50	167.10	- 4.50	
Monthly Inc	153.50	163.20		4.10
Managed Port Inc	98.90	104.10		1.47
(Accum Units)	104.80	110.30		1.47
Quarterly Income	50.60	53.82	- 0.03	4.71
(Accum Units)	54.22	57.78	- 0.03	4.71
Recovery	316.10	338.00	- 1.50	0.13
(Accum Units)	372.10	397.80	- 1.90	0.13
UK Growth	52.17	55.82	- 0.02	2.79
(Accum Units)	53.76	57.72	- 0.03	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smllr Cos	110.20	117.90	- 2.0	0.0
FP Asian Growth	231.50	247.00	- 5.60	0.0
FP Australian	288.70	309.70	- 0.70	0.0
FP Equity Dist	369.00	392.50	- 1.70	2.88
-do- Accum	779.50	829.00	- 3.60	2.88
FP Euro Gth Dist	138.90	147.70	- 0.20	0.66
-do- Accum	144.80	154.00	- 0.20	0.66
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.50	134.70	- 0.10	7.46
-do- Accum	236.90	250.30	- 0.20	7.46
FP Intl Bond	55.24	58.42	- 0.04	5.07
FP Intl Gth Dist	86.78	92.31	- 0.92	0.78
-do- Accum	90.86	96.65	- 0.96	0.78
FP Nth Amer Dist	182.10	193.70	- 0.90	1.10
-do- Accum	200.70	213.60	- 0.90	1.10
FP Pac Basin Acc	184.80	197.50	- 3.90	
FP Income	52.09	55.56	- 0.60	5.15
(Accum Units)	168.90	179.80	- 2.70	5.15
FP Jap Smllr Cos	303.80	324.00	- 9.70	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.34	72.33	- 0.36	6.03
FP Stg Deposit	100.10	100.10	- 0.80	6.25
FP Tokyo	78.80	84.05	- 3.52	0.6
FP UK Focus	34.90	37.52	- 0.51	1.33
FP UK Growth	165.00	176.00	- 1.50	2.83
(Accum Units)	319.50	340.80	- 3.70	2.83
Stewardship Dist	318.00	338.20		2.14
-do- Accum	388.80	413.60		2.14
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	67.76	72.08	- 0.12	3.92
-do- Accum	87.83	93.50	- 0.15	3.92
N Am Stwd Dist	92.73	98.64	- 0.19	0.86
-do- Accum	98.52	104.50	- 0.20	0.86
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	103.90	113.50	- 0.70	1.01
Open Cap Gth Acc	103.50	110.10	- 0.40	0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	100.60	107.00	- 0.70	3.42
Cap Gth Inc Acc	103.10	109.60	- 0.80	3.42
Con Cp Gth Ic Ic	102.30	108.80	- 0.70	3.06
Con Cp Gth Ic Ac	104.20	111.40	- 0.60	3.06
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.45	47.28	- 0.47	1.11
European	193.40	205.10	- 1.90	0.71
(Accum Units)	210.30	223.10	- 0.20	0.71
Intl	30.16	32.18	- 0.45	0.91
(Accum Units)	43.73	46.67	- 0.66	0.91

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
479½	415	Abbey Natl	472	+ 1½	4.7	10.2
278	250	Allied Irish	270	...	5.3	10.4
233	198	Aus New Z	218	+ 5	5.2	8.0
3062½	2531¼	Bank America	2975	− 50	...	
224	191½	Bank Scotland	215	+ ½	3.1	12.1
631	557½	Barclays	623	...	4.2	9.1
316	288	Bk of Ireland	313	− 1	4.8	9.1
2837½	2450	Citicorp	2825	− 37½	...	
280	218	Close Brost	280	+ 4	3.8	11.8
£150½	£129¾	Commerzbk	£130¼	− 4⅝	3.9	...
1275	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1110¾	− 21½	0.5	...
2317½	1285	Deutsche Bk	1295¾	+ 250	2.5	...
656¼	625	Espirito Santo	650	+ 8¼	12.4	
78	57	First Nat Fin	73	...	2.8	46.5
1485	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1220	− 119½	0.5	
253	195	Hambros	216	+ 3	8.7	13.3
734	598	HSBC	708	+ 2	4.8	9.8
721½	578	HSBC HK	697	− 1	4.9	8.6
408	383	Joseph (L)	383	...	5.8	11.1
660	529	Kleinwort Bens	627	− 20	4.3	12.2
621½	530	Lloyds	614	− 2	5.3	10.3
528	478	Nat Aust Bk	522	+ 7	6.4	9.1
542½	454	Nat West	538	+ 5	5.8	8.7
2400	2150	Ottoman Bank	2375	...	6.6	3.5
67	58	Rea Bros	58	...	2.0	16.2
429	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	402	− 4	4.3	11.5
1646	1360	Schroders	1538	+ 3	1.7	14.9
1385	1235	Schroders N/V	1345	...	1.9	12.3
86½	82	Singer & Fried	82	...	5.5	
295	246	Stand Chart	288	+ 4	3.9	9.8
254½	217	TSB	238½	− 2½	4.8	10.1
784	635	Warburg SG	765	− 12	3.9	12.9
£101¾	9043¾	Wells Fargo	9650	− 100	2.9	...
234	211	Westpac	220	+ ½	2.5	
225	200	Wintrust	210	...	6.3	14.8

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172	143	Asst Hldgs	144			
554	487	Bass	553	+ 4	4.8	13.7
263	239	Boddington	265	...	4.9	13.1
177	161	Burtonwood Brw	161	...	4.0	13.5
170	137	Eldridge P 'A'	146	...	3.5	17.7
59	51	Fortune Brewing	53	+ 1	5.2	13.8
359	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	355	...	2.8	14.7
443	402	Greenalls Gp	405	− 3	8.7	14.4
532	468	Greene King	503	...	3.3	18.7
267	242	Hardy Hanson	248	...	4.8	11.9
156	150	Hawkins	155	...	3.6	11.0

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	91	AH Lab	93	...	6.5	10.7
317	282	Acal	282	...	3.9	15.8
565	535	Adam & Harvey	545	...	3.8	6.8
21	16	Alexanders	18½	...	7.6	7.9
113	88	Applegate	108	...	7.2	*
4½	3¾	Ass Br Eng	3¾	...	1.7	26.8
552	518	BSS Group	552	+ 4	4.1	19.5
24½	20½	Bowling Power	21	...	8.0	18.8
28	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	3.4	11.0
355	345	Bunzl	353	...	4.6	18.6
17	10½	Caldwell Gp	15	...	1.7	78.9
96	87	BR Fillings	95	...	5.3	
48	35	Brown & Tawse	35	...	7.1	*
39	33	Burndene	34	...		
270	225	Calipers	225	...	6.4	37.8
20½	12	Cattel Plc	14½	+ ½	9.3	8.2
88	80	Central Mtr	79	...	4.9	46.8
42	35	Cook (DC)	35	...	4.0	11.0
252	228	Cowie	258	...	4.6	10.8
138	125	Dag Motors	126	...	6.4	14.5
598	580	Dawson	581	...	1.5	14.4
450	408	Diploma	432	− 1	3.9	15.2
536½	472	Electrocomps	531	− 2	2.4	21.8
173	153	Electron House	159	...	2.8	18.5
268	235	Ellis & Everard	265	− 1	4.2	16.6
208	193	Evode	208	...	5.2	18.1
111	97	European Mtr	97	...	5.8	10.5
481	364	Evans Halshaw	387	+ 1	5.1	*
578	512	Farnell Elect	578	+ 9	1.7	28.7
60	50	Fife Indmar	50	...	7.5	*
21½	15	Gestetner	20½	+ ½	4.9	9.4
24	18	Grosvenor	16	...		17.7
73	60	Greenway	68	...	3.7	20.6
73	62	Hallite Hldgs	65	...	1.8	13.0
172	148	Harris (Philip)	167	...	5.1	14.6
286	258	Henlys	285	+ 2½	3.7	13.2
98	81	Holidays Tech	87	+ 2	8.6	*
178	91	ISA Intl	91	− 1	2.8	*
430	274	Inchcape	298	+ 3	6.3	11.5
58	58	Jacks (Wm)	58	...		13.4
167	142	Kwik-Fit	149	...	8.8	*
332	277	Lex Service	329	− 1	5.3	17.5
185	164	Lookers	165	...	5.7	9.1
15	14	Malaya Gp	14	...	2.2	...

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	112	Brewin Dolphin	147½	− 1½	4.2	11.3
656	625	Caledonia	640		3.2	17.5
2400	2125	Camellia	2250½	...	1.8	6.1
22½	16¾	Carlisle	16¾	− ¼	3.7	*
465	418	Cater Allen	459		7.7	9.5
161	142	Cattles	157	½	4.6	*
35	25	Cartone	25	− 1		55.2
15	13½	EFG	14½		0.9	9.5
77½	61	EFT Group	73		3.0	*
738	708	ERM	709	− 5	4.2	14.5
186	158	Exco	170	+ 1	4.5	*
185	161	Gartmore	178½		3.9	15.0
490	395	Govett Nat	415	− 1	7.2	12.0
379	255	Govett	285	+ 26	6.3	4.8
1085	963	Henderson Ad	1025		5.5	14.2
185	162½	Invesco	184	...	2.8	
49	43	Investment Co	47		4.7	15.0
223	200½	Ivory Sime	203		4.6	15.8
248½	196½	Jardine Strat	219½	− 10½	4.1	*
144	95	Johnson Fry	114		2.2	*
103	86	King Stacson	91		12.4	9.0
161	131	Lon Forfaiting	156		7.4	13.7
124	116	Lon Scot Bk	116		4.4	15.2
1025	953	M & G	1025	+ 5	3.7	17.9
258	224	MAI	258	+ 1½	3.8	13.0
101½	88	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	101½	+ 1½		
807	680	MAM	752	1	3.8	17.5
130	101	Nat Home Loans	105	1		9.6
1373	1150	Perpetual	1373	+ 3	3.2	14.9
557	515	Provident	550	− 1	4.7	13.5
297	245	Rathbone Bros	296	− 1	3.9	*
28¾	24½	Rutland Tst	27½	...	4.7	*
318	290	S & U	293		4.7	9.5
220	135	Standard	219	+ 12	5.1	8.2
138	105	SJP Capital	110	− 2	3.4	7.8
499	410	Smith New Crt	438	− 15	2.9	5.0
78	73	Towry Law	74		7.8	17.6
26	22	Trio Hldgs	22	− 1½	0.6	36.1
93	70	Unicorn	87	..	4.3	*
26	22	Western Selectn	22		1.4	

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10	8	ERA Gp	8½			
161	101	Essex Furnt	101	− 1	5.7	11.2
236	170	Etam	195	...	4.9	10.8
358	320	Fine Art Dev	339		5.3	10.5
66	37	Feed Earth	46			*
101	81	Flying Flowers	82		2.6	12.0
282	255	French Conn	282			11.9
240	207	Frost Group	239	...	3.1	*
58	46	Gieves	49		3.8	17.5
134	112	Goldsmiths Gp	116	+ 2	2.0	20.8
579	508	GUS	556	− 5	3.0	16.0
194	179	Hamleys	193	+ 1	4.7	*
51	25	Hampden Grp	48	..	3.2	*
175	142	Hse of Fraser	159		3.9	14.3
83	80	Hughes (TJ)	83		3.8	13.6
255	229	JJB Sports	253		3.0	15.5
477	379	Kingfisher	459	− 3	4.2	17.4
118	95	Kleeneze	95	− 2	2.0	27.0
315	233	Liberty	238		2.5	
205	187	Lloyds Chemt	187	− 1	6.5	6.1
132	108	MFI	117		4.5	14.6
427½	371	Marks Spencer	418	+ 1	2.8	18.6
515	500	Menzies (John)	504	− 4	3.1	11.9
355	338	Moss Bros	349		3.0	13.8
295½	252	Next	294	+ 1	3.9	15.1
35	27	OEM	31			
96	89	Oliver (G)	89½		1.4	14.5
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182½	103	Fisons	181	+ 3	3.8	
722½	587	Glaxo	711	+ 5	4.9	16.3
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121	104	Burn Stewart	105		6.1	21.3
410	352	Grand Met	395	− 5	4.4	17.8
471	404	Guinness	455	− 1	3.8	14.3
445	357	Highland Dist	357	− 26	2.6	16.2
217	185	Macallan-Glen	188	− 1	0.8	*
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557	522	Matthew Clark	554	...	4.2	25.4

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104⅞	103⅞	Treas 14% 1996	105¾	− ⅛	13.27	6.85
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107⅝	106⅝	Conv 10% 1996	103⅝	− ⅛	9.65	7.53
103⅝	103⅝	Treas 7% 1997	98⅝	− ⅛	7.13	7.84
98⅝	97⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	109⅝	− ⅛	12.15	7.70
109⅝	108⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅝		10.03	7.78
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116⅝	114⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅝		9.39	8.17
105⅝	102⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅝	+ ⅛	7.43	8.18
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111⅝	109⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	111⅝	+ ⅛	3.72	3.85
110⅝	108⅝	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110⅝	+ ⅛	3.74	3.87

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520	443	Anglian	476	− 1	6.1	10.8
349	295	Mid Kent Hogs	347	+ 1	4.3	11.7
570	483	North West	559	+ 10	5.3	8.0
880	676	Northumbrian	849	..	3.8	9.1
564	475	Severn Trent	519	+ 5	5.8	8.6
2125	1855	South Staffs	2125	..	3.2	12.8
527	458	South West	495	+ 5	6.6	7.4
589	517	Southern	566	.	5.3	8.2
504	456	Thames	482	+ 1	6.0	7.2
679	557	Welsh	612	.	5.4	6.7
312	252	Wessex	276	+ 1	5.5	7.2
555	472	Yorkshire	528	+ 2	5.6	7.8

Source: Fiscal

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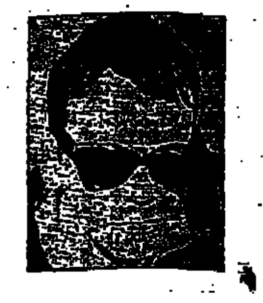
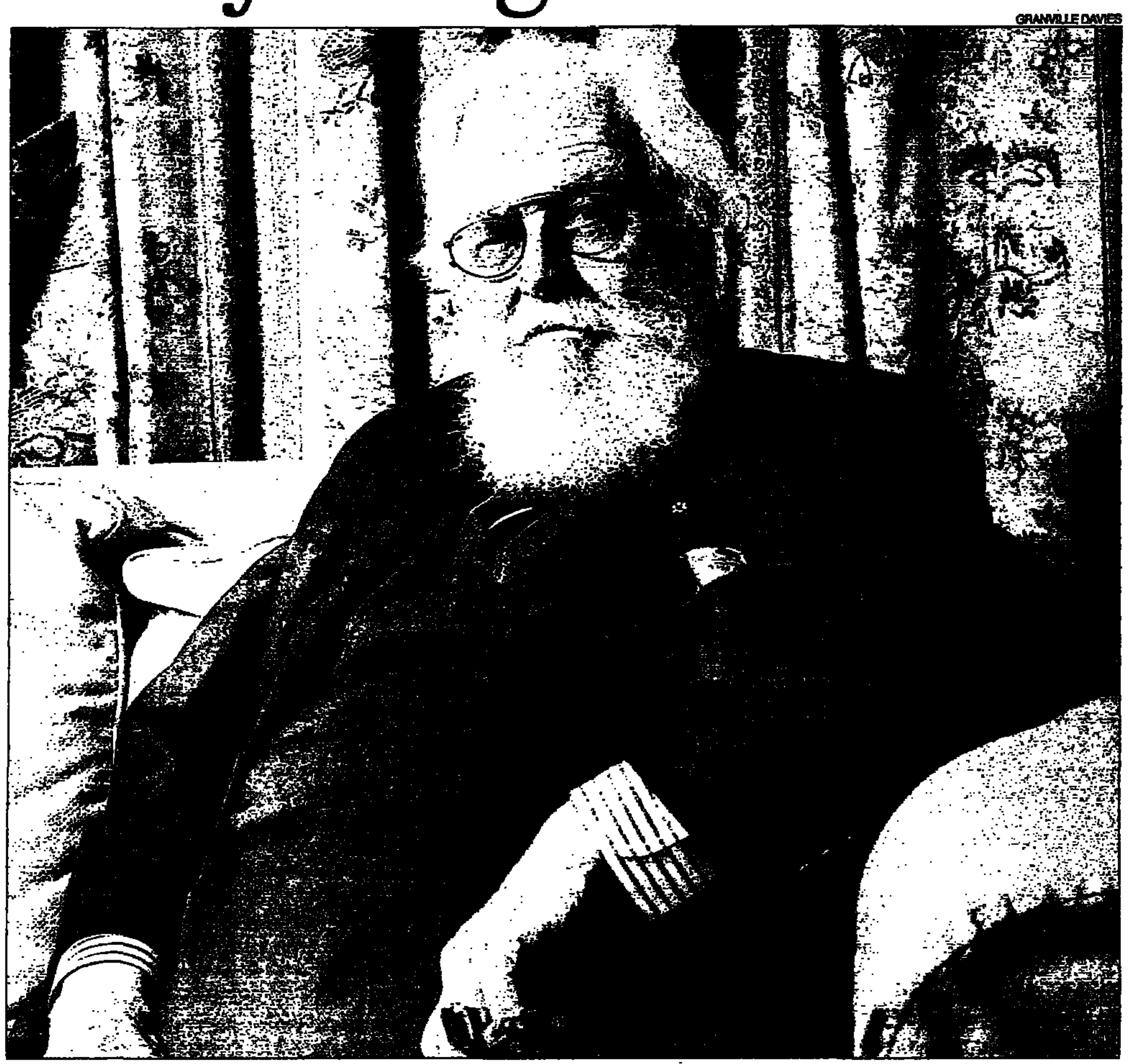


Far too young to be old

With his new novel in the shops and the next in his head, the octogenarian Robertson Davies talks to **Jim McCue**



GRANVILLE DAVIES

"The old are tormented by all kinds of things you might think they'd got over," Robertson Davies says. "Your *feelings* don't get old"

Have any authors written really good novels in their eighties? Robertson Davies can't think of any. Not that you would take Davies himself for 81, so there is no feeling of his tempting fate when he says that once he has finished promoting his fourteenth novel, *The Cunning Man*, he will be embarking on a further fat fiction.

It will be about growing old and its discoveries. "And I hope to serve it up hot and strong," he says. He's impatient with the image of a mellow sunset of nostalgia. "The old are tormented by all kinds of things you might think they'd got over. Your *feelings* don't get old. If you hobbled up to a pretty girl and asked for a kiss, she'd push you in the gutter, but the desire is still there." He cites Hardy:

> *But Time, to make me grieve,*
> *Part steals, lets part abide:*
> *And shakes this fragile frame at eve*
> *With throbbings of noontide.*

By this reckoning, Davies did not dedicate himself to fiction until mid-afternoon. He had already had careers as an actor (under Tyrone Guthrie at the Old Vic), as a newspaper editor, and as first Master of Massey College at the University of Toronto. Meanwhile he had written 17 plays, which he modestly calls old-fashioned, although one was performed at Pitlochry last year.

As a writer of comedies, he thinks tragedy is over-rated. Even the Greeks are not all they are cracked up to be (if only Oedipus had talked things over ...) and he complains that so much modern poetry and fiction is a load of fashionable grief. He does not like books to be bitter or polemical, or to fall short of his own perfect manners. "Kingsley Amis *never writes a novel without* belly-aching about something," he says. "It's an awful bore." The characters in Davies's books, accordingly, are all more or less sympathetic, and there is no gritted conflict or torment.

After three days in London he had already seen both current Stoppard plays ("superb"), and was gleeful, even gloatful, about the portrayals of academic biographers on the scent of their literary prey. For Davies is himself the subject of a 700-page biography by Judith Skelton Grant, recently published in Canada. "It's an excellent life of somebody else," he says. "But I've really lived inside myself, and she can't get in there. Very good writer though she is, she wouldn't know how to try."

Since his late start, the novels have *come thick and fast — especially* thick. He also has a fondness for three-deckers, from the earliest, *The Deptford Trilogy*, to the most recent — *The Cornish Trilogy* (the middle volume of which, *What's Bred In the Bone*, was nominated for the Booker Prize). The novels have to be voluminous, *he says, because as you* imagine a situation, you see more and more ramifications. He takes the method-actor's approach. "You have to take in an enormous amount that you don't use — where does the character work? where is he going to eat tonight? — which doesn't necessarily get into the book."

But you can be sure that a lot of Davies's own *recherche* researches will get in. This time it's cannibalism and comics, book-collecting and religious dressing-up ("a chasuble — you know, one of those cloak affairs ..."; "Advent — you know, the Christmas season in the Church ..."). And particularly there is a lot of humane wisdom about medicine, which Davies regards as an art.

Illness, he says, is not the trouble, but a *symptom of the trouble*. "We use amazing expressions, such as 'catching a cold'. Now why do you 'catch' a cold? You grab it out of the air because you need it for some reason."

Typically, then, the novel contains a bibliography of holistic healing: *Paracelsus, Robert Burton, William* Osler, Thomas Browne. Whatever the subject — and he knows about everything except politics — Davies is a great name-popper. Every couple of pages, up they pop, to be explained in that way now habitual in newspapers, which feel obliged to say "Andrew Marvell, the famous poet".

Of course there are splendid things in the new book — the simile about lawyers moving "like molasses in January": "the young men who dangled after her" — although perhaps not *enough to sustain 460 pages*. So Davies vamps and rehashes whatever is uppermost in his exceptionally well-stocked miscellany of a mind.

He delights in conducting cultural tours, especially of neglected landmarks. Through the 1940s and 1950s he wrote book columns for the *Canadian press, and his knowledge* of out-of-the-way literature is tremendous.

When academia called him in 1962, his specialist subject was drama from 1660 to 1914, precisely because it is not a great period. So what did hold the stage, and why? After all, he told his students, the plays that turned out to be perishable masterpieces can reveal what people wished and feared, and so illuminate other realms of literature.

> ❛ Why do you catch a cold? Because you need it for some reason ❜

Gifted failures fascinate him. (Lots of them apparently emigrate to Canada *for a fresh start.) The Cunning Man* contains a pitying but not patronising sketch of a lady sculptor who does not quite have what it takes. She and Chips, her lesbian lover, are friends of "Dearest Barb" Hepworth, and we are given all too many unconvincing letters from Chips about the disap*pointments* of "Dear One". (The names that "Rob" gives his characters are often embarrassing like this.)

What, then, should such second-rate artists do? They sometimes become embittered, he replies, "but there is a place in the world for talent that is not of the highest order". They should carry on as best they can. And that is what he does, too, trusting neither those who make a cult of him nor those who would tear him down.

Journalism, he says, was a fine school for a novelist. For 20 years he edited a Canadian newspaper owned by his father, after writing his first news report at the age of 11.

His first reader is his wife, Brenda, who sat knitting during our interview. She advises him, he says, when the writing is becoming inflated — *what she calls "lifeworkical and* masterpiecical". Perhaps she indulges him too much. But truly, "it takes an awful lot of talent to be even second-rate".

● The Cunning Man *is published by Viking (£15.50)*

Small thanks to Big Brother

Had it not been for a Soviet bigwig, the Chamber Ballet Prague might not be dancing in London tonight

During its occupation of Eastern Europe, the Communist machine actually did something right at least once. According to Pavel Smok, the founder and chief choreographer of Chamber Ballet Prague, his company might not be around today if it had not been for a Soviet bigwig making an "executive decision".

Smok met the man in 1983, when he was invited to Leningrad. "I made a choreography for the small ballet company in Leningrad", he says, "and this man had seen it and wanted to know more about my company here in Prague. When I told him about the conditions and how little money there was, he was shocked and said he'd fix it. I thought, 'Sure, big talk.' But he started a big action through *the Soviet Ministry of Culture* and in 14 days — *14 days!* — we had a subsidy. So I am the only one person in Prague who can say the Soviet Union helped me."

Surprisingly, there seem to have been no strings attached to the money. "There was not a problem with what I wanted to say in my choreography because, to them, it was just ballet." Smok bats the word into the air as if it were a fly. "You see, ballet was not interesting, not important enough. To them what was important was television and cinema and newspapers. So they never paid attention to me."

Given the direct emotional *impact of Smok's choreography*, such bureaucratic indifference is something of a surprise — not least because of his penchant for nationalist composers. The eight dances being presented in two separate programmes at Sadler's Wells Theatre from tonight have scores by Smetana, Janáček or Dvořák. The single exception is a comedic piece done to Mozart and, as Smok proudly points out, he has a legitimate claim to Mozart because his company's home — Prague's National Theatre — is where *Don Giovanni* had its first performance in 1787.

An energetic man of 67, Smok started out as a figure *skater, becoming junior champion* of the Czechoslovak Republic. While studying for a degree in engineering, he was "seduced by the theatre". He became a professional actor, but gradually found himself moving towards dance and established his first group in 1964. Along the way he has directed operas, films and television.

This diverse background helps to explain why he feels so deeply that dance must be more than just a series of shapes. He creates characters, is interested in relationships and prefers dancers who are not afraid to wear their hearts on their sleeves. "Ballet is not only ballet," he insists. "It is theatre. It has to have messages to people."

> ❛ You do not need more than 16 people on the stage if they really dance ❜

Even if he had an unlimited budget, Smok would still have only 16 dancers. "You don't need more than 16 people on the stage if they really dance and, besides, that is exactly the sum which is not too much for touring yet is still small enough to be a *family*."

People, namely his parents and his brother, are why Smok has stayed in Prague. He spent three seasons (1970-73) as artistic director of the Basle Ballet, in Switzerland, but decided to go home, establishing his current group in 1975. It has always operated on a shoestring, which is the main reason why the repertoire is top-heavy with his own works. Seven of the eight pieces on show in London are by Smok; the eighth — *Evening Songs* — is by Jiri Kylian, artistic director of Netherlands Dance Theatre.

"I have no money for outside choreographers. I can pay for *one* small ballet each year. That means we can get somebody only if they do it as a favour. Like in the case of Jiri: because he is my friend and he is a Czech, so he helps us."

And the future? "Life around the company is very different now, that's very pleasant and very nice. But the work has not changed very much. The only sponsor used to be the Communist Party. Today if you get no money from one sponsor you go to another."

The company's London visit is being underwritten by Bank Austria: state funding has been cut in half. "But now it is so much easier to go abroad. *Now we are just like you, just a* passport and bye-bye."

ALLEN ROBERTSON

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Waiter, there's something nasty in the soup

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on a grim tale of junkie no-hopers

Trainspotting
Bush

In the middle of an early performance of *Oh Calcutta!* a row of grave-looking Indians reportedly got up and trooped out. Let us hope no representative of the anorak classes is similarly misled by the title of Harry Gibson's adaptation of Irvine Welsh's novel, for even if he managed to stumble out of the Bush, he would never again be able to watch East Coast expresses leave Kings Cross without an awful lurch of the spirits. At the end of the line is Edinburgh, a place beside which the Bronx seems docile and Gomorrah genteel.

Welsh, Gibson and Ian Brown's superb young cast show us the side of Auld Reekie that visitors miss when they wander through the Georgian terraces in search of avant-garde Ukrainian plays on the Festival fringe. It is nihilistic, violent, and deep into every variety of drug. Go into this pub, and a woman is being used as a punchbag by her man while everyone else looks the other way. Take a taxi to that address, and a gentleman nicknamed Mother Superior will give you a dose of the hard stuff. Since others, too, are using the same needle, you may end up with something less transitory than heroin in your veins.

Kenny Miller's set is a bleak room furnished with a filthy loo-bowl and little else, but it serves for plenty of other locations, including a part of Waverley Station never visited by trainspotters. All four actors play several characters, too, though each has his or her primary role. Malcolm Shields's Franco is a swaggering thug who regards it as his right to father children and beat up their mothers. Susan Vidler's Alison leaves her baby to die in the next room while she gets a fix. James Cunningham's dim Tommy experiments with heroin after rowing with his girl, and cannot kick what soon becomes a habit. Ewen Bremner's Mark, a sly, mocking narrator and protagonist, fares a bit better, but only after what would be better described as vivisected chicken than cold turkey.

The company spare us little in the way of pain and humiliation, and even non-trainspotters may find their collective ordeal gruelling. Stay away if you cannot cope with the sight of a junkie scrabbling through his excrement in search of the opium suppositories he has inadvertently shed. Stay away, too, if you have problems with four-letter words, for the characters casually gorge on them.

Yet without in any way softening its impact, the authors find plenty of black humour in their no-hopers' predicament. There is, after all, a certain grim comedy in seeing a battered woman turn on her would-be rescuer as an interfering **** and give him a pasting, or watching Franco, maybe the most foul-mouthed and charmless man in Scotland, try to chat up a demure Canadian girl on a train.

Oh yes, and next time you go to Edinburgh, be sure you are polite to your waitress, especially if you belong to the English master-race. If she comes from this sub-world, as she may, she could retaliate in alarmingly private, personal ways. Watch the tomato soup and the chocolate profiteroles particularly closely. You wouldn't want to end up paying for hidden extras, now would you?

MARILYN KINGWILL

Malcolm Shields as the swaggering thug Franco and Ewen Bremner as the sly narrator Mark

VISUAL ART: An interactive show in London draws the crowds but fails to engage the intellect. Plus other contemporary shows

Touchy-feely, very waffly

'Take Me (I'm Yours)' says a Serpentine show. No thanks, says **Richard Cork**

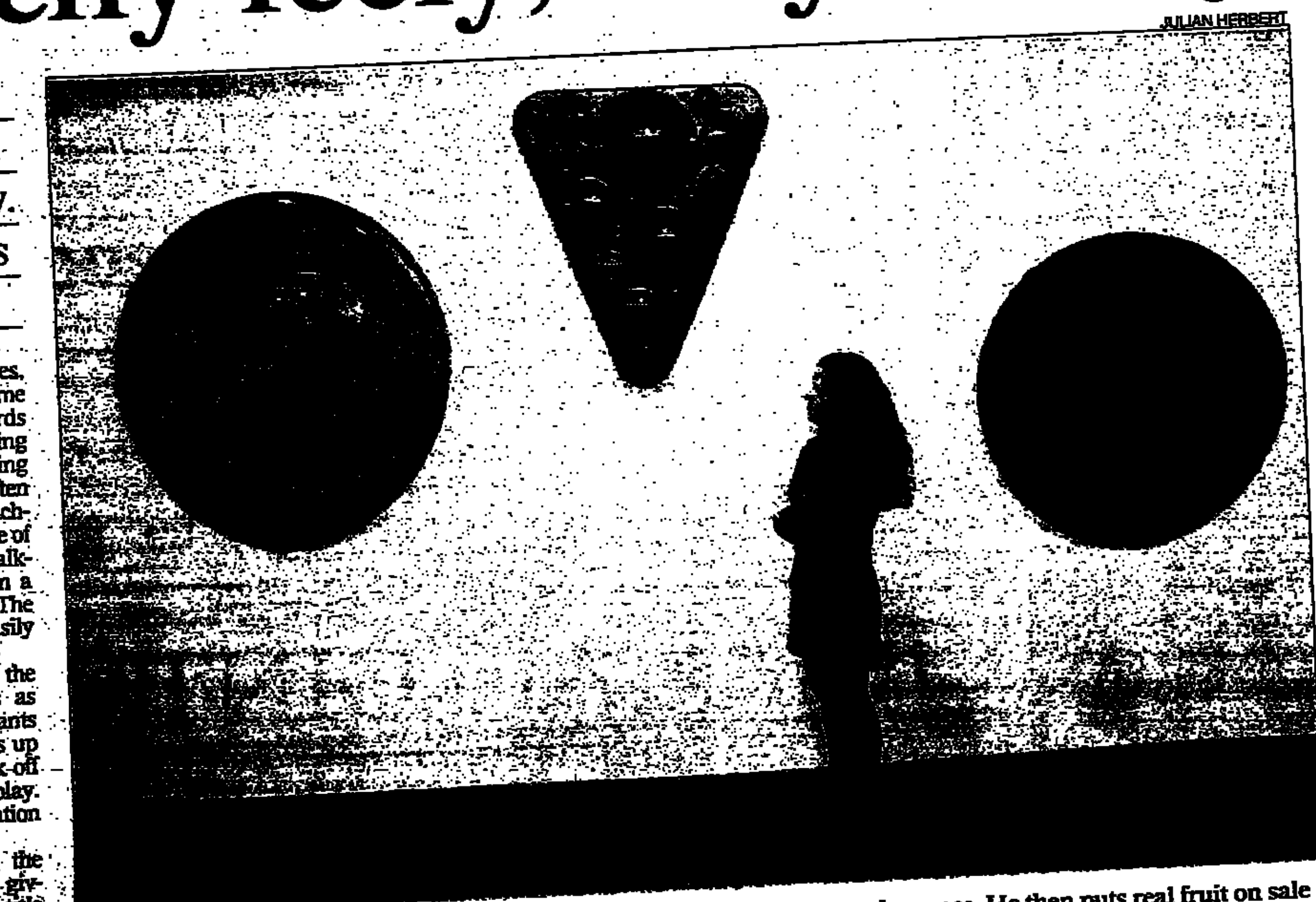
Enter most galleries, and you soon become aware of guards sternly monitoring your movements. Peering closely at a painting often prompts a reprimand. Touching even the most graspable of sculptures is forbidden. Talking in anything more than a murmur seems impolite. The whole experience can easily inhibit newcomers.

That is why the mood at the Serpentine's show comes as such a contrast. Attendants encourage visitors to dress up in, sit down on, even walk off with, the objects on display. From the outset, participation is the keynote.

Hans Ulrich Obrist, the young Swiss curator, has given his show the seductive title *Take Me (I'm Yours)*. And in the first room, most of the floor-space is filled with clothes waiting to be carried away. Judging by their smell and grubbiness, the garments have been well used. That does not seem to deter visitors.

Christian Boltanski, the French artist responsible for the clothes exhibit, is best-known for elegiac photo-pieces commemorating the anonymous victims of persecution. They usually evoke a mood akin to a memorial service. He might have intended us to think here about the former owners of these heaped garments. But whatever undertones his installation may possess, they seem to be ignored by most people hunting through the piles. Far from resembling a chapel of remembrance, his room looks more like a bring-and-buy bazaar, except that nobody is selling anything.

The next room is transformed into a place of crowded activity. Half nursery and half gymnasium, the gallery is festooned with equipment enticing us to cast aside our reticence and join in. Stilts lie waiting for visitors to mount them and blunder across this normally sacrosanct space. Attendants preside, but this time they encourage unorthodox behaviour. One of them stands beside a row of grey, hospital-style robes. She invites us to do a quick change and then wander around, finding out whether our behaviour is stunted or liberated by the borrowed clothes.



JULIAN HERBERT

The wall-sculptures of the Belgian artist Jef Geys reduce fruit to its formal essence. He then puts real fruit on sale

Nobody took up the challenge while I was there. Perhaps we all shied away from the possibility of being mistaken for lunatics. Perhaps, too, we were more intrigued by the swing dangling near by. The French artist Fabrice Hybert appeared to be offering it to anyone who liked the idea of treating the gallery as a playground. But the swing's seat is punctuated by two shiny phallic forms, threatening anyone foolhardy enough to use it.

On the whole, though, the prevailing mood is genial. Douglas Gordon, the young Scottish artist whose first one-person show at the Lisson Gallery in January was so impressive, has devised a competition. The winner will enjoy a "blind dinner date" with the artist, who holds out the promise of a slap-up meal at the Ivy. Plenty of punters were filling in the forms for the chance of an evening with Douglas, whose ghostly photographic image called *Kissing with Sodium Pentothal* is on the catalogue cover.

> It looks like a bring-and-buy bazaar, except that nobody is buying anything

Gilbert & George are more direct. Having begun their careers a quarter of a century ago with the clarion-call "Art for all", they are now the grand old men of the Serpentine show. But no pomposity mars their large photo-pieces. They celebrate the onset of middle age by exposing themselves, full-frontal. Free badges are on offer in a bowl, each bearing a visual souvenir of the two brazen figures parading their private parts.

Although the contributors to Obrist's show are fairly diverse, they remain united by their avoidance of abstraction. At first glance, the Belgian artist Jef Geys seems to be the exception, displaying simplified wall-sculptures with projecting circular and oval forms. But their titles reveal that Geys's starting-points are as familiar as apples, plums and grapes. All he has done is reduce them to their formal essence. And then, as if to ensure that nobody feels mystified, he puts real fruit on sale next to the exit.

Art and life are brought into conjunction throughout the show by a curator whose first exhibition was staged in his own kitchen. He promotes accessibility and encourages the viewer to become part of the art work's creation. Even the stern conceptualist Lawrence Weiner has become hospitable enough to produce a stencil, enabling visitors to draw their own graffiti.

In art, however, user-friendliness has shortcomings. Graffiti should by definition be spontaneous, not tamely allied to copying an artist's template. There is a blandness about this exhibition that dilutes its ambitions. The German artist Hans-Peter Feldmann presents a mass of photocopied images, and lets spectators carry away as many as they like, free of charge. Many duly responded. But the images on offer were humdrum, and the whole project did not stimulate a truly imaginative response.

In their desire to make the audience feel at ease with contemporary art, many exhibitors removed any sense of challenge from their work. The show lacks a cutting edge. It is heartening to find the Serpentine packed with visitors, all prepared to enjoy themselves and many no doubt relieved to come upon a gallery so devoid of forbidding restrictions. I do nevertheless worry about making artists too cosy. Art should be free to disturb as well as entertain.

● Take Me (I'm Yours) *is at the Serpentine (0171-402 6075) until April 30*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

A MODEL of a city at night expands across one section of the gallery. Light pushing up and out of the windows of simplified cardboard blocks throws a reassuring glow onto chalk-dusty "streets".

Photographs by Hugo Glendinning of people asleep in bed are arranged on continuous chalk-covered blackboard. The effect is mesmeric; a sleepy silence broken only occasionally by the mutterings of members of the cast of Forced Entertainment, who sit in the next room around a dusty table speaking out invented directions for a notional journey across an imaginary place. A successful combination of many different media provides a strangely somnambulant overview.

Ground Plans for Paradise, Leeds Metropolitan University Gallery, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS1 3HF (0113-283 3130), until April 13

☐ ANDREW Stahl has been using the same questionable subject-matter for years. He makes huge pictures in which a leg, foot, hand, face or whole body of an Eastern woman takes up the greater proportion of the canvas surface. Very much smaller-scale fighter planes, helicopters, temples or fountains hover and progress around these enormities like battling bugs. Stahl now works with a greater variety of spatial illusion. Oceans recede, storm clouds bank up, and transparent cities glow around heightened edges. His persistence with such full frontal and awkward imagery has paid off. The work has settled down to match the vague with the exact, the "foreign" with the familiar.

Andrew Stahl, Flowers East at London Fields, 199-205 Richmond Road, London E8 2NJ (0181-985 3333) until April 23

☐ THE seven artists represented in *New Art from Cuba* at the Whitechapel work with a great variety of material and style. Although, of course, there is a familiarity to their method and procedure, many artists use the specific and local, and even educative, to good effect. Fernando Rodrigue carves a straightforward but nonetheless detailed narrative out of lumpy wood in a deliberate play on souvenir plaques and popular reliefs. Tania Bruguera makes the Cuban flag up out of snippings of human hair, while Pedro Alvarez paints dilapidated American imports and workers' banners against a backdrop of colonial Havana.

Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QX (0171-522 7878), until April 23

☐ *NEW Brazilian Art* at the October Gallery could be called Old Brazilian Art in that it is rooted in "timeless" abstraction. Although the art is undoubtedly an adamant result of individual self-expression, the effect is a melting pot of international language.

October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AI (0171-242 7367) until April 13

SACHA CRADDOCK

CONCERTS: Mahler's anguished symphonic farewell, and Shostakovich's complex enigma

A harrowing journey

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Barbican

SOMETIMES the epic scale of Mahler's valedictory Ninth Symphony is thought to be self-sufficient for a concert programme, a view I would not dispute. In his Mahler festival performance with the London Symphony Orchestra, however, Michael Tilson Thomas preceded it with not one but two other works, of a character not altogether to the symphony's advantage.

One was Toru Takemitsu's *Ceremonial*, itself new to this country, in which Ko Ishikawa, resplendent in Japanese ceremonial costume, played a brief prelude and postlude on the *sho*, a kind of oriental harmonica. It had the effect of throwing into relief the main orchestral body of the work, a subdued rhapsody that put me in mind of Delius with its shifting harmonies and little perceptible rhythm, and fell gracefully, if somewhat pallidly, on the ear.

Not so Weber's *Konzertstück* in F minor, a sort of piano concerto with four short movements condensed into one. Not many pianists think it worth the trouble to learn the decorative and virtuoso solo part these days, but Dame Moura Lympany, in her 79th year, played it from memory with dazzling fingerwork and control of the keyboard, making us aware that its harmonic roots govern the music's direction as well as the romantically expressive character with which she endowed it.

So to Mahler, and the last symphony he lived to complete, composed in conscious awareness of impending death. From the evidence of the unfinished Tenth, we now know that the Ninth expresses Mahler's deepest anguish through which he needed to pass before reaching an ultimate peace of mind suggested in its sequel. This was a performance that would have us make the harrowing journey with him.

Tilson Thomas was most at home in the sardonic frenzy of the *Rondo Burleske* movement, where his propensity for emphasising the obvious was more acceptable than in the earlier movements, and where the LSO's woodwind and brass took the trickiest passages in their stride.

The strings, with Yuri Torchinsky, a guest leader borrowed from the Royal Ballet Sinfonia and notably assured in his several solo passages, came into their own with sonorous eloquence in the long, heart-rending Adagio finale, carrying the performance to more than 85 minutes in total.

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Mechanical key to a puzzle

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NEARLY a quarter of a century after it was written, Shostakovich's Fifteenth Symphony is still a puzzle and will probably always remain so. For myself the key lies in the mechanical, clock-like sounds at the end. Whatever the joys and sadnesses of lives personal and political, the universe ticks on; time is our only true overlord. At other times it has seemed explicitly enough to depict the puppet-like conformism under totalitarian rule mentioned by many, including the composer's own son Maxim. A work riddled with enigmatic quotations ranging from *William Tell* to *Götterdämmerung* certainly sounds as though it must be about something.

But Alexander Lazarev, bright-eyed and bustling with energy, rightly absorbed himself in the abstractions of the symphonic fabric. How spiky or jokey to make the beginning of the first movement? Lazarev opted for innocent wit rather than sardonic jab. The long Adagio took on a properly funereal air without losing impetus, its massive, terrifying climaxes delivered with effective force. Throughout the symphony the response of the BBC Symphony Orchestra was efficient without raising very many goose pimples, but there were noteworthy contributions from the trombonist Anthony Parsons and the cellist Paul Watkins.

Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder* had earlier been garnished by the ripe but slightly underpowered tones of the contralto Nathalie Stutzmann. And to open the evening there was Wagner's *Tannhäuser* overture, in which Lazarev nearly succeeded in enabling the violins' descending chromatic motif towards the end to be heard clearly for a change.

STEPHEN PETTITT

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE YIDDISH TROJAN WOMEN. A quick re-appearance for Carole Braverman's rich play on the demands and dangers of self-deceit. Fine playing by the four women, led by Maria Charles as a memory-torn matriarch.
Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (0171-402 5081). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sun, 8pm; mats Wed, Sat, 3pm

THE MILLIONAIRESS. Raquel Welch, Richard Johnson and Roshan Seth continue their tour of one of Shaw's most sparkling comedies; on its way to the West End.
Richmond, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

CHAMBER BALLET PRAGUE. The company of 16 dancers arrives this week with two programmes, including Jiri Kylian's Dvořák ballet, *Evening Songs*. See feature, page 28.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 8, 4pm and 8pm. Ⓢ

MUSIC IN CHURCHES. Richard Hickox and the City of London Sinfonia give a free lunchtime concert today that features the world premiere of Richard Rodney Bennett's Bassoon Concerto, plus works from Vaughan Williams and Judith Weir. Trevor Pinnock then conducts the English Concert this evening for a programme of Bach, Handel, Vivaldi and Fasch; the countertenor Michael Chance is the soloist.
St Giles, Cripplegate, EC2. Today, 1pm. **St John's**, Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM. The Mark Morris Dance Group, the hottest thing in American modern dance, makes its first Birmingham appearance tonight and tomorrow during **Spring Fling**. Shobana Jeyasingh gives a stunning double-bill on Friday and Saturday of *Raid* and *Making of Maps* and a highly entertaining programme called Featherstonehaughs Go Las Vegas completes the celebrations next Monday and Tuesday.
Repertory, Broad Street (0121-236 4455). All at 7.30pm. Ⓢ

OXFORD. Welsh National Opera continues its spring tour with performances tonight, Friday and Sat of *Le nozze di Figaro* and a beautifully set and costumed *The Yeomen of the Guard* on Wednesday and Thursday.
Apollo, George Street (0865 244544). All at 7.15pm. Ⓢ

SHEFFIELD. Phyllis Nagy's **Disappeared** reconstructs the series of events that led up to a woman's disappearance after meeting a stranger in a rundown New York bar. Some fascinating character studies in a suspenseful production.
Crucible Studio, Norfolk Street (0114 2769922). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm Ⓢ

Also in Sheffield today, **Janet Jackson** turns up the energy for the start of her British tour. Greatly enjoyable for the dance and the visuals as much as for anything she sings.
Sheffield Arena (0114-256 5656). Tonight, 8pm. Ⓢ

STRATFORD UPON AVON. When the Evil One arrives on earth in Ben Jonson's **The Devil is an Ass** he finds humans already adept at trickery. Cast includes John Nettles, David Troughton and Sheila Steafel. Matthew Warchus directs.
Swan (01789-295623). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 1.30pm. In rep from mid-April Ⓢ

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'.** Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

■ **DEALER'S CHOICE:** Patrick Marber's fascinating poker drama. Funny one-liners abound, along with perceptions of the roots of gambling.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Thurs, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING:** Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *ménage à trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's award-winner, with even more sexual rough and tumble than at the Donmar.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm Ⓢ

☐ **GEORGE DANDIN:** Red Shift bring in Molière's tart comedy about a lady's deception of her low-born husband. Jonathan Holloway directs, Ranjit Bolt translates.
Cochrane, Southampton Row, WC1 (0171-242 7040). Previews tonight, 8pm; opens tomorrow, 8pm. Until Apr 29

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE:** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **INDIAN INK:** Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **ONE FINE DAY.** Joe McGann as an estranged husband longing to be a proper dad to his kids. Dennis Lumborg's one-man-play, here for six weeks.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

■ **THE STEWARD OF CHRISTENDOM:** Donald McCann plays an ex-super of the Dublin Police looking back on his life and keeping his ghosts at bay. Sebastian Barry's play, directed by Max Stafford-Clark.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 2554). Opens tonight and tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until Apr 22

☐ **TWELFTH NIGHT.** Ian Judge's delightful production from last year's Stratford, with Desmond Barrit and Emma Fielding.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm, opens April 6 Ⓢ

☐ **UP'N'UNDER.** John Godber's rugby play, done by Hull Truck. Enthusiastic 'n' simple. Leave your brains in the changing room.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm Ⓢ

☐ **WOLF.** Michael Bosworth's tense, dense drama on the redemptive power of storytelling, set in a Balkan-style holocaust. Directed by Matthew Zajac for Plain Clothes.
Young Vic Studio, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm, opens Thurs

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CROOKLYN (12). Spike Lee's rowdy, rose-tinted memories of a Brooklyn childhood.
Electric Ⓢ (071-792 2020) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

FIORILE (12): Generations of a Tuscan family are dogged by greed. Beguiling epic from the Taviani brothers.
Everyman Ⓢ (071-435 1525) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Minema** (071-235 4225)

HOOP DREAMS (15): Marvellous documentary by Steve James, Fred Marx and Peter Gilbert about two inner city kids and their dreams of playing professional basketball.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

◆ **JUST CAUSE** (18). Harvard law professor Sean Connery wrestles with a murder case in Florida. Ludicrous investigative thriller, with Laurence Fishburne. Director, Arne Glimcher.
MGM Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18). Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **IMMORTAL BELOVED** (15): Gary Oldman is Beethoven, but the film still ends up worthy and dull. With Jeroen Krabbé and Isabella Rossellini.
Empire Ⓢ (0800 888911) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE (PG). Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NELL** (12). Doctor Liam Neeson nurtures backwoods wild child Jodie Foster. Well acted, well meant, but glutinous. Director, Michael Apted.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

NOBODY'S FOOL (15). Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis and Jessica Tandy.
Odeon West End (01426-915 574)

◆ **QUIZ SHOW** (15): Director Robert Redford resurrects a TV scandal of the late 1950s. Fine performances (John Turturro, Ralph Fiennes, Paul Scofield) but not enough bite, or relevance.
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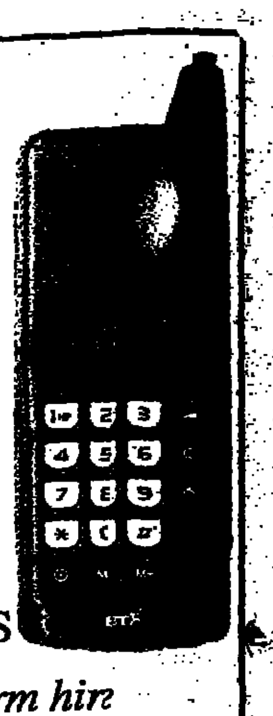

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Gary Slapper on the effects of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act

In the past 14 years there have been 15 pieces of legislation on the criminal justice system. As crime figures soared to more than 5.5 million recorded offences a year — excluding crimes such as joy-riding and common assault — the Government has responded with a barrage of laws.

On April Fool's Day, large parts of last year's Police and Magistrates' Courts Act came into force. The Act is every bit as contentious as its sibling, the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, although that drew more attention with its scattergun fire of attacks on ravers, country walkers, travellers and the right to silence. During debate in the Lords, Lord Wigoder referred to the "Coco Pops Home Secretary" who apparently put things into the Bill on the basis of what he read in the tabloid press as he ate his breakfast cereal.

But the aims of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act are more narrow and possibly more sinister. Its main thrust is to centralise state power over policing and the workings of magistrates' courts — which handle 98 per cent of prosecuted crimes. It also manifests the Government's anxiety about financial value for money by opening the way for performance-related funding for the police and magistrates' courts.

Under these new pressures, police forces may soon have reason to be pleased with a few brisk one-to-one assault cases with witnesses, but reason to dread any tricky murder or business crime which may require lengthy and labour-intensive inquiries. Similarly, the magistrate who always gets through the morning list by 12.45 whether there are ten or 20 cases is one whose court may soon prosper.

The new provisions will change the way policing is organised in Britain. Since 1964, the size of police authorities has been controlled by local authorities. Two thirds of the members were elected by councillors from among themselves, with the other one third appointed from the local magistracy. The Home Secretary had only nominal powers over local policing. Under the new Act, police authorities will have 17 members, of whom three will be magistrates, nine councillors and five "independent" members appointed from a list produced locally but shorn into a shortlist by the Home Secretary.

The independent members are supposed "to represent the interests of a wide range of people within the community in the police area" and possess relevant skills, knowledge and experience. Quite how the Home Secretary interprets such criteria may be judged by his selection of Sir John Quinton to head the first Metropolitan Police Committee. Sir John is a former banker who does not live in London and who professes no special knowledge of policing. His forte, he says, is "the setting of budgets and monitoring performance".

SIMON WALKER

Michael Howard's new rules for policing and magistrates' courts came into effect on April 1

The changes enable the Home Secretary to exercise unprecedented influence over local policing. The Police Act of 1964 has been amended, permitting him by order to "determine objectives for the policing of the areas of all police authorities". The annual local policing plans drawn up by the police authorities will have to acknowledge the objectives set by the Home Secretary. So the Act not only allows for the Home Secretary's political objectives to be imposed on local forces, it also introduces his right to direct police authorities to set "performance targets" for the pursuance of these objectives.

As police forces rely on central government grants, all this raises the possibility of a cash for co-operation exchange. For a police force to be "efficient and effective" — long-established criteria for receiving government money — it may now have to demonstrate some conformity with government political objectives. In a time of moral panic, for instance, the Home Secretary may wish to impress upon local forces that dealing with a certain type of "folk devil" or political agitator should be a priority.

There is one final section, not yet implemented, allowing for commercial sponsorship of the police. Under this a force will be able — in connection with its duties — to accept gifts of money or loans of other property. We can now look forward to policing sponsored by whichever company makes the best offer: a cigarette company, a bank, or a second-hand car firm. What happens when the police have to investigate an alleged crime by their sponsor is a problem the Act ignores. Perhaps any problems this generates will be cleared up in yet another piece of legislation.

● *The author is Principal Lecturer in Law, Staffordshire University.*

JPs sentenced to more changes

Courts determine and impose sentences. Will magistrates also have the time to supervise the detail of the penalties?

VIEWPOINT

PAULA DAVIES

The Home Secretary is at it again. A new set of guidelines to toughen community service sentences has now been followed with a Green Paper proposing a single more effective community sentence to replace existing community punishments. JPs have had to cope with four Acts in six years — the Children Act 1989, the Criminal Justice Acts of 1991 and 1993 and the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. These necessitated a heavy, even onerous, commitment to training, so it is not surprising if they are weary at the prospect of yet more legislation.

Michael Howard seems to favour a more active role for the magistracy in determining what actually happens to defendants. The Green Paper — *Strengthening Punishment in the Community* — proposes a lead role for courts in deciding the content of community sentences, with the Probation Service providing packages of supervision from which courts can select punishments tailored to individual offenders.

In principle, JPs might welcome greater sentencing discretion. But there are already concerns about the practicalities. As Rosemary Thomson, Magistrates' Association chairman, says, "It all turns on what giving the courts 'more say' means and on what a 'more active role' turns out to imply.

"It would be very difficult for us to have oversight of the everyday implementation of a community sentence. And we need to work out with the Probation Service what is practicable. If we can't resolve that, we shall urge the Home Secretary not to legislate in the terms proposed because we don't want powers we cannot use."

Magistrates will welcome her statement. One remarked: "It's up to the Probation Service to specify exactly what the criminals should do. This idea is rather like requiring judges to make frequent prison visits to see what is happening to the people they have sentenced. An overview is always necessary, but this kind of detail seems totally impracticable."

Benches will differ in what they want an offender to do. But that aside, the proposals look problematic. As another JP put it: "Courts cannot and should not impose sentences which cannot reasonably be carried out. There is no point in sentencing someone to a drug rehabilitation unit if the nearest one is 150 miles away. How are we meant to know better than those who produce the reports on which we act?"

Others argue that it is pointless having a pick-and-mix package of punishments for offenders without knowing the results of existing supervision orders. One said: "In the same way as we get the results of appeals, we should get the results of community sentences — perhaps via some form of monitoring." Others consider the exercise misconceived. "Magistrates cannot be expected to cope with executive or administrative functions," said one JP.

There is some support for the way it is set out in Holland. Young people there may be given a form of conditional sentence that carries certain defined consequences. Our system of conditional discharge merely tells people that if they reoffend within a specified period, they can be dealt with in a different way for the previous offence. It doesn't spell out the actual consequence of reoffending.

The Probation Service is naturally not happy with the proposals, but John Harding, chairman of the young offenders committee of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, is more sanguine, arguing that the Green Paper is "all about language and appearances, a public relations exercise for newspaper readers". Little, he says, will change "because magistrates don't have the time or the skills to deal personally with those who appear before them". At present, courts have a duty to determine and impose sentence. To expect them to oversee sentences seems not just impractical but potty.

● *The author is a central London magistrate.*

LEGAL ROUNDUP

Ossie Ardiles steps into a new field

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☐ Have the Government and the judges got sentencing right? Senior judges, JPs, laywers and penal reformers will discuss this at a conference at Lincoln's Inn Old Hall, on April 24 (see notice below).

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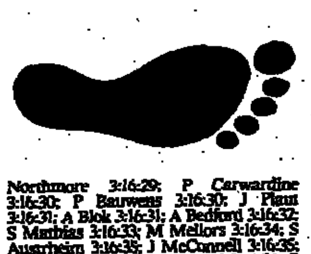

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Ferguson looks to the law to ease pain of frustration

ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

COULD a football club sue a foreign national team for medical negligence? The question arises, in these litigious times, because of Manchester United's anger that Andrei Kanchelskis returned unfit from Moscow last week, apparently having had eight injections for a stomach injury to allow him to play for Russia against Scotland. Sometimes you wonder whether the real forward line of Alex Ferguson, the United manager, should not read Cole, Hughes, Kanchelskis and Giggs, but a lawyer, a linguist, a doctor and a psychologist.

However, given the needle that has been apparent between Ferguson, manager, and Kanchelskis, player, for some months, making some sort of a claim against the Russians, as Ferguson indicated he was in the mood to do, might appear spurious.

Kanchelskis has been complaining on and off that he finished games for United with stomach cramps. The doctors could find nothing. Ferguson suggested that the problems were in the head, and Kanchelskis grumbled about seeking employment elsewhere — possibly with Glasgow Rangers, though that, too, appears to be all in the mind.

However, the question is a serious one, given the £10 million or more that United would forfeit if they fail to re-enter the European Cup next season. The difficulty in law, given the imponderable mood swings of Kanchelskis, would be proving that his absence harmed United on a given day.

The Ukrainian whippet had already returned from one international in a wheelchair having aggravated an ankle injury. If it is true that a Russian doctor injected his abdomen eight times, then it is time that somebody with the muscle of United creates a fuss about the whole iniquity of the painkilling drug (condoned by sporting authorities even though it is used to enable an unfit athlete to run the risk of permanent repercussions).

Yet Ferguson might be the pot calling the kettle black. Has he not this season persevered with Roy Keane, despite telling us time and again that the man is heroic, that he needs an operation for a hernia? Is Ferguson not the great champion of players such as Bryan Robson and Steve Bruce, whose indifference to pain the manager has so often said "is the attitude that got us to the top".

I applaud wholeheartedly, any stance taken against painkilling drugs; but litigation? Out of the question. Statutes of Fifa, football's world governing body, forbid any player, any club, any association, from suing anyone in authority, specifically from suing Fifa itself.

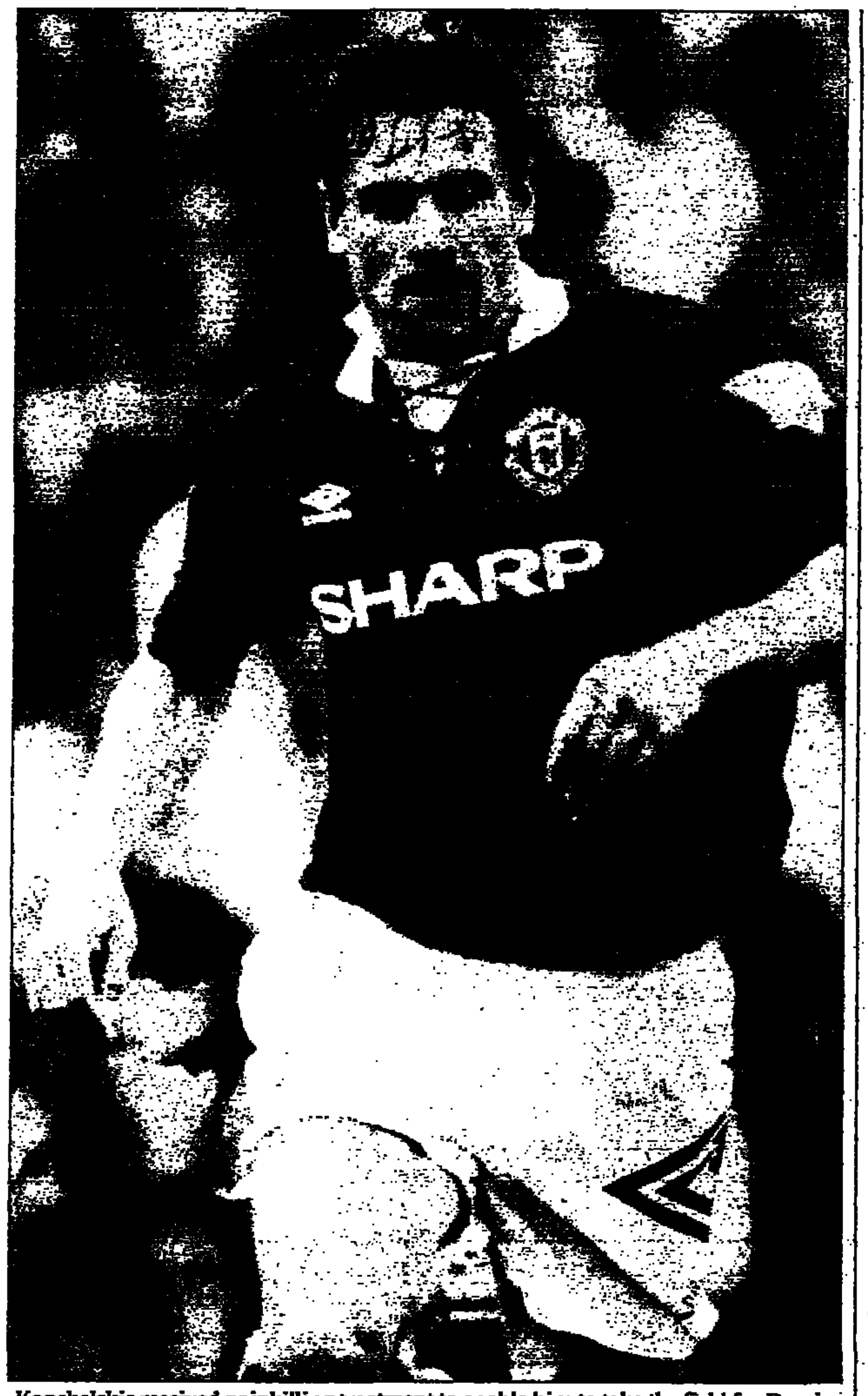
So, Ferguson has no recourse other than to do what he did yesterday, to send the club doctor and George Scanlan, the former Dean of Humanities at Liverpool Polytechnic, to try to get to the bottom of what ails his winger, and what exactly was injected into him in Moscow.

Meanwhile, football and the courts have just concluded another distressing bout. Six people, including construction and security officials, were sentenced to imprisonment last weekend, after the collapse of a temporary stand in Bastia, Corsica, which killed 17 people, and left 1,900 injured. Some of the injured, in wheelchairs, attended the trial.

Jean-Marie Boimond, who oversaw the construction, admitted culpability and was sentenced to two years. Bernard Rossi, who tried to say that his overall responsibility for security was for the ground but not the stand, received 18 months. They were convicted of manslaughter, though the cry assassin was often heard at the hearing.

Four others were sent to jail, and two more received suspended sentences, though the ultimate, if illegal, redress was handed out to the former mayor of Bastia, who was murdered before he could stand trial.

Sport and the law, the one so precise, the other so riddled with emotion, do not always prove compatible.



Kanchelskis received painkilling treatment to enable him to take the field for Russia

England A provide Hull with degree of consolation

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

IT WILL be limited consolation for Paul Hull that, having missed selection for the England World Cup squad, he has now been given the captaincy of the England A party to tour Australia in May. The Bristol full back had pinned four years' hopes upon playing in South Africa; hopes that were justified by his form on tour there with England last summer.

Clearly, Hull, with his ability to play in any position behind the scrum save scrum half, will be in pole position should injury affect any of the chosen backs between now and departure for the World Cup on May 17. He is one of only two senior internationals in a youthful party to visit Australia and conclude a seven-match tour against the full Fiji side in Suva.

He may be the only one if David Pears cannot offer evidence of his fitness. The Harlequins stand-off half was concussed in the Pilkington Cup semi-final against Bath on Saturday and needs more than one game to prove that he can undertake the rigours of a tour down under in a party, nine of whom toured Australia two years ago with the under-21s. Should Pears withdraw, Neil Ryan, of Waterloo, will replace him.

The Rugby Football Union is confident of another sell-out when Bath and Wasps meet in the Pilkington Cup Final at Twickenham on May 6. The union's own allocation of 11,400 tickets was sold by the end of January, of which at least 3,000 have gone to Bath supporters. Bath have received 13,000 tickets, Wasps, with a smaller membership, will receive 10,000.

ENGLAND A TOUR PARTY: Backs: P Hull (Bristol, captain), T Stimpson (West Hartlepool), S Hackney (Leicester), P Holford (Gloucester), J Naylor (Orrell), J Sleightholme (Bath), N Greenstock (Wasps), W Greenwood (Harlequins), P Mensah (Harlequins), S Potter (Leicester), P Grayson (Northampton), D Pears (Harlequins) or N Ryan (Waterloo), M Dawson (Northampton), A Gomarsall (Wasps). Forwards: D Crompton (Bath), D Garforth (Leicester), R Hardwick (Coventry), K Yates (Bath), G Adams (Bath), M Regan (Bristol), G Archer (Newcastle Gosforth), J Fowler (Sale), M Haag (Bath), D Sims (Gloucester), M Corry (Newcastle Gosforth), L Dallaglio (Wasps), A Diprose (Saracens), R Hill (Saracens), R Jenkins (Harlequins), C Sheasby (Harlequins). Manager: P Rossborough. Coaches: M Slemen, K Richardson.

ITINERARY: May: 20: South Australia (Adelaide). 24: Victoria (Melbourne). 28: Queensland (Brisbane). 31: Australian Universities (Sydney). June: 3: NSW Country (Newcastle). 7: Australian XV (Brisbane). 10: Fiji (Suva).

Bruno to take on Anis in Glasgow

FRANK BRUNO will meet Ray Anis, a Haitian-born American, in a world title warm-up bout at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow on May 13. Assuming that everything goes according to plan against Anis, 29, who has won 19 of his 20 contests, Bruno will then meet the winner of the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title bout between Oliver McCall, who defeated Lennox Lewis last year, and Larry Holmes, 45, which takes place on Saturday.

Anis, who is ranked No 23 by the WBC, is expected to be a more formidable opponent than Rodolfo Marin, who capitulated to Bruno in only 65 seconds in February. However, Bruno rejected criticism of the choice of Marin. "American journalists thought I was taking a risk by fighting Marin, who was rated a very durable opponent," he said.

Waqar doubtful

Cricket: Waqar Younis, the Pakistan fast bowler, is almost certain to be unable to play for Surrey this season because of a back injury. Waqar was admitted to hospital in Karachi on Sunday. "Although it hasn't been officially confirmed, it is pretty certain that he will be out of action for at least six months, probably longer," Jonathan Barnett, Waqar's agent, said. "I spoke to him last Friday and the specialist said it is either a stress fracture of the back or he has injured a disc."

Taylor recovers

Snooker: Dennis Taylor made a typically tenacious recovery to beat Mark Johnston-Allen 5-4 in the first round of the Castella British Open in Plymouth yesterday. Taylor, who would have dropped out of the world top 32 had he lost, trailed 4-2 before fighting back.

Powell moves

Rugby league: Keighley Cougars yesterday signed Daryl Powell, 29, the Great Britain utility back, from Sheffield Eagles for a reported £100,000. Powell is expected to make his debut for the leaders of the second division against Swinton at home on Sunday.

Doorman articulate in language of percentages

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

SIX years ago, Luis Felipe Posso was working as a doorman in New York, earning $25,000 (about £16,700) a year, plus tips. When he quit, he told his employer that, eventually, he would make as much in a day. Sunday was one such day.

Posso has become the most influential athletics agent worldwide, supplying runners to commercial marathons. He takes a percentage of everything — prize-money, bonus money, appearance fees, sponsorship deals — and, after the NutraSweet London Marathon, he was opening doors for nobody.

Posso's clients include Dionicio Cerón and Steve Moneghetti, who were first and second in the men's race, and Malgorzata Sobanska and Manuela Machado, the winner and runner-up in the women's event. Their collective takings would have amounted to some $650,000. Posso's cut would have been way in excess of a doorman's salary.

He is profiting now from those nights at the Boston Marathon spent sleeping in his car, when he could not afford the price of a hotel room, but needed to work his way in with athletes and officials. Each morning, he would go to the race hotel, change into his suit "to look like a businessman" and start work.

"I would be in the lobby all day until midnight then go back to the car," Posso said. His asset was his knowledge of languages. The more he volunteered to help translate, the better he got to know people.

Colombian-born, Posso was a 2hr 44min marathon runner. "I was not a famous runner, but I loved to be involved with elite runners," he said.

He noticed how races were selling athletes short and started dealing on their behalf. Now, he has 150 runners on his books.

He never misses an opportunity. Marathons need pacemakers and there is money there, too. Jan Huruk, of Poland, paced in London and is managed by Posso.

His surprise pay packet was Sobanska, whose ambition had been to finish in the top eight. The value which the marathon had put on her was less than one-tenth of the £150,000 which Liz McColgan, who finished fifth, was paid to run.

Sobanska, 25, recalled how, in her only previous visit to Great Britain, she had been selected for the Poland junior team for a 3,000 metres in Ipswich and complained at having to run so far. Evidently, distance is no problem now. She covered the marathon on in 2hr 27min 43sec.

In an arrangement the envy of the British athletes, the Polish federation pays the salary of her coach, who concentrates exclusively on her. Any money she wins, she keeps. After Posso's cut, of course.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ALLBON, GERALD FRANK ALLBON late of Kingston Upon Thames, Middlesex died there on 13 December 1994 (Estate about £26,000)

BELLAMY, MAY BELLAMY SPINSTER late of Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear died there on 26 April 1994 (Estate about £34,000)

DAVIS, WILLIAM BENJAMIN DAVIS late of Bedford died there on 6 December 1994 (Estate about £150,000)

EDOGHO, GRACE EDOGHO SPINSTER late of Kentish Town, London, NW5 died at New Southgate, London, N11 on 8 December 1993 (Estate about £5,500)

FIELD, FRANCES WILLIAM GEORGE FIELD late of Battersea, London, SW11 died at Tooting, London, SW17 on 3 May 1994 (Estate about £56,000)

FRANKS formerly THEOBALD nee COLLINS, VIOLET MAGDALENE FRANKS otherwise VIOLY MAGDALENE FRANKS formerly THEOBALD nee COLLINS WIDOW late of Eastbourne, East Sussex died there on 13 November 1993 (Estate about £80,000)
GOODMAN otherwise ALLEN, ARTHUR STANLEY GOODMAN otherwise ALLEN late of Plumstead, London, SE18 died at Greenwich, London, SE10 on 13 December 1994 (Estate about £90,000)

HAWORTH nee PUTMAN, BARBARA JOAN HAWORTH nee PUTMAN WIDOW late of Birmingham, West Midlands died there on 31 March 1994 (Estate about £8,500)
IRVING, JOSEPH SCOTT IRVING late of Maryport, Cumbria died at Whitehaven, Cumbria on 26 October 1994 (Estate about £80,000)
McCONNELL nee ALLEN, BESSIE McCONNELL nee ALLEN WIDOW late of Leicester died there on 7 November 1993 (Estate about £4,200)
MUNN, STANLEY RALPH MUNN otherwise STANLEY MUNN late of Haringey, London, N15 died there on 5 November 1993 (Estate about £7,500)
O'BRIEN, PATRICK AUGUSTINE O'BRIEN otherwise PATRICK O'BRIEN late of Highgate, London, N6 died there on 21 November 1993 (Estate about £18,000)

REID formerly BAILEY otherwise CLEMENTS, ROBERT TERENCE REID otherwise ROBERT REID formerly ROBERT ALBERT BAILEY otherwise ROBERT BAILEY otherwise SIDNEY ROBERT CLEMENTS late of Buckinghamshire died there on 29 January 1993 (Estate about £9,600)

ROWLEY, CHARLES ROWLEY late of Wood Green, London, N22 died at Edmonton, London, N9 on 28 October 1994 (Estate about £7,000)

SHADWELL, GLADYS EMMELINE MABEL SHADWELL SPINSTER late of Richmond Upon Thames, Surrey died there on 18 September 1982 (Estate about £13,000)
SHAW, EDWARD ARTHUR SHAW late of Paignton, Devon died there on 28 January 1994 (Estate about £7,000)
SMITH nee SMITH, NELLIE ENA MAY SMITH otherwise HELEN SMITH nee SMITH WIDOW late of Crawley, West Sussex died at East Grinstead, West Sussex on 26 November 1994 (Estate about £20,000)
THOMAS, JOHN FREDERICK THOMAS late of Erith, Kent died there on 4 September 1994 (Estate about £11,000)
THOMAS, NORMAN THOMAS late of Portchester, Hampshire died there on 8 December 1994 (Estate about £80,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLIFTON CLUB COMPANY LIMITED
An Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at 6.15pm on 24th April 1995 at The Mall, Clifton, Bristol BS8 4DS. A copy of the formal notice of the meeting can be obtained on application to the Secretary, The Clifton Club Company, Limited, The Mall, Clifton, Bristol BS8 4DS (Telephone 0117 973 5827)

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice
GORDON, ISAAC of GLOUCESTER SQUARE, LONDON W2 died on 7TH SEPTEMBER 1994 particulars to NABARRO NATHANSON Solicitors of 50 STRATTON STREET, LONDON W1X 5FL (Ref: ND/NG) before 5TH JUNE 1995

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics Xenografts Invitation to Comment

A working party established by the Council is preparing a report on the ethical issues surrounding the present and likely future uses of animal cells, tissues or organs in the treatment of human disease.

If you would like to comment, please first obtain our information pack and details of the enquiry by writing to: Xenografts, Nuffield Council on Bioethics, 28 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3EG.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMPTON SOUTHWAY LIMITED
Formerly UNIQUE SOUND LIMITED (In Liquidation) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Melvyn S Langley of Langley & Partners, Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London, N2 8EX was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 24th March 1995. M S LANGLEY, Liquidator

DREAM ENTERTAINMENTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ on Friday 7th April 1995 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act lists of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Cannon Beckman & Partners, Insolvency Practitioners, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London WC1E 6BJ on the two business days falling next before the day of the Meeting.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P Moss
Chairman
Dated this 24th day of March 1995

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
No 001182 of 1995
IN THE MATTER OF THE PHEONIX TIMBER GROUP plc
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 22nd March 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above Company from £6,212,848.80 to £3,326,000 and the cancellation of the whole of the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account of the above Company namely £620,396 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 24th March 1995.
NORTON ROSE,
Kempson House,
P O Box 570,
Camomile Street,
London EC3A 7AN,
Solicitors for the Company.
Ref CAH/106/X150613

JBG REALISATIONS LIMITED (FORMERLY J BARNSLEY CRANES LIMITED) (IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation, are required, on or before 24 April 1995 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned D C Lovett of Arthur Andersen, 1 Victoria Square, Birmingham, B1 1BD, Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. D C Lovett, Liquidator.

JOHN BARNSLEY AND SONS LIMITED (IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation, are required, on or before 24 April 1995 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned D C Lovett of Arthur Andersen, 1 Victoria Square, Birmingham, B1 1BD, Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. D C Lovett, Liquidator.

MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION GROUP (UK) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 hours on 13 April 1995 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receiver(s) under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors committees by or under the Act. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are only entitled to vote if: (a) they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 1200 hours on 12th APRIL 1995, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and (b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf. Date: 28 March 1995 M.R. DORRINGTON Joint Administrative receiver

S G Publishing (UK) Limited
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986 In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, Jeremy Stuart French of Redhead French, 43-45 Butts Green Road, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 2JX, give notice that on 22 February 1995 I was appointed Liquidator of S G Publishing (UK) Limited by resolutions of members and creditors. Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 11th April 1995 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Jeremy Stuart French of 43-45 Butts Green Road, Hornchurch, Essex, RM11 2JX, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution. Dated: 28 February 1995 Jeremy Stuart French, Liquidator

M B WILD & COMPANY LIMITED (IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation, are required, on or before 24 April 1995 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned D.C. Lovett of Arthur Andersen, 1 Victoria Square, Birmingham, B1 1BD, Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. D C Lovett, Liquidator

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF CAPITAL
EXQUISITE FORM BRASSIERE (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
1. the above named company ("the Company") has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of redeeming of its own shares
2. the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £350,000.
3. the date for the resolution for payment out of capital is 27 March, 1995.
4. statutory declaration and auditors' report required by section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
5. any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.
Dated 28 March 1995
Company Secretary

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

This is a hand from the Grandmaster pairs, held in March. The winners were Allan and Lancaster of Sussex, who were a virtually untried partnership.

Dealer South Game all

♠AKQ54
♥AK642
♦J62
♣—

♠J8
♥Q98
♦K
♣AKJ9863

N
W E
S

♠1032
♥J3
♦AQ954
♣754

♠976
♥1075
♦10873
♣Q102

W	N	E	S
1♣	2♣	Pass	2♥
3♣	4♥	All Pass	

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: King of clubs

This board featured a clash between four of the players who are in the Welsh home international squad.

Gary Martin had to play Four Hearts from the South seat, when his partner had forced to game over West's opening bid of One Club. Prospects look pretty gloomy, particularly when you are told that there is no doubleton queen-jack of hearts, but Martin demonstrated that the contract could not be defeated after this opening lead.

He ruffed the club king and drew two rounds of trumps, then settled down to run all his spade winners, discarding diamonds from hand. Adrian Thomas, as West, could see that, if he ruffed any of the spade winners, his side would only be able to take two diamond winners, and declarer would eventually arrange to ruff a diamond loser in hand for his tenth trick. He therefore carefully discarded three clubs on the spades.

Martin now exited with a diamond to the king, cutting the defensive communications. Thomas won and cashed his heart queen, then played the club ace.

If Martin had ruffed, he would have had to concede two diamond tricks to East; but he simply discarded one of the diamond losers from dummy on this trick, and the enforced club continuation from West allowed him to discard the other on the next trick, and score his club queen for the tenth trick.

This is an aggravating hand for the defence; they can take three winners in many different ways, but declarer can always get ten tricks, no matter what they do.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Lead shared

After three rounds of the St Peters de Beauvoir international tournament in London, the lead is shared by Chris Baker and Richard Britton, both of whom have 100%. In the third round, Britton outplayed Andrew Whiteley, the experienced England international, to force a delicate win in a middlegame without queens.

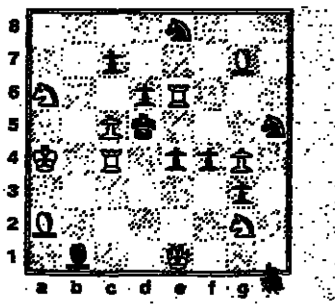
White: Andrew Whiteley
Black: Richard Britton
St Peters de Beauvoir international, London, April 1995

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nf3	Bg7
4	g3	0-0
5	Bg2	d6
6	0-0	Nc6
7	Nc3	e5
8	d5	Ne7
9	e4	Ne8
10	Ne1	f5
11	Nd3	h6
12	Bd2	Nf6
13	Qe2	g5
14	f4	exf4
15	gxf4	fxe4
16	Nxe4	Nxe4
17	Bxe4	g4
18	f5	Nxd5
19	Qxg4	Qf6
20	Bc3	Qg5
21	Qxg5	hxg5
22	Bd2	Bd4+
23	Kh1	Ne3
24	Rxf8+	Kxf8
25	Rc1	Bd7
26	c5	Kg8
27	cxd6	cxd6
28	Rc7	Bb5
29	Rxb7	Ba6
30	Rd7	Ng4
31	Kg2	Nf6
32	Re7	Kf8
33	Re6	Bc8
34	Bxg5	Bxe6
35	Bxf6	Bxf6
36	dxe6	Rc8
37	Nb4	Rc4
38	Nd5	Rxe4
39	Nxf6	Rxe6

White resigns

British solving championship



This is the starter problem for the 1995 British Chess Problem Society solving championship. It is White's move and he can force mate in two moves against any Black defence. Your solution should include White's first move only, and should be sent to: Brian Stephenson, 9 Roydfield Drive, Waterthorpe, Sheffield, S19 6ND. Entries should be accompanied by a cheque for £2 made payable to British Chess Problem Society and a stamped, addressed envelope for receipt of the subsequent postal round. When sending your answer, please mention that you have entered through *The Times*.

Over the past four years, more solvers have entered this competition through *The Times* than through any other national newspaper, so keep up the good work!

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ONIOMANIA
a. Allergy to onions
b. Shopping mania
c. The field lily

CADUCEUS
a. Rod with snakes
b. The autumn crocus
c. A Roman silver coin

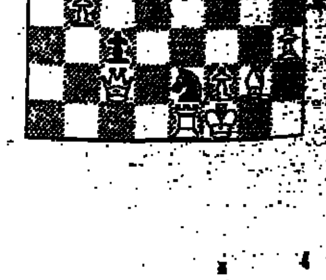
ENCHIRIDON
a. A small poisonous snail
b. An ecclesiastical glove
c. A notebook

MOUNSTER
a. A monster
b. An equestrienne
c. A rogue and a rascal

Answers: page 38

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Weltmander – Polugayevsky, Sochi 1958. Here, Black finished with a brilliant and forcing combination which concluded with the promotion of his c-pawn. Can you see how he achieved this?

Solution: page 38

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Fast-ground specialists corner market as dry spell continues

Country Member in demand

By Julian Muscat

EVERY owner is guaranteed a place in the line-up for the Martell Grand National after 17 horses were withdrawn yesterday from the Aintree spectacular. The 40 engaged on Saturday equal the safety limit but further withdrawals appear inevitable. Among them is Tartan Tyrant, the nine-year-old who is more likely to contest the Scottish National. In any case, Tartan Tyrant may well be ruled out by the drying ground, which is now becoming a source of concern to the connections of Master Oats.

In the Gold Cup winner's favour is the fact that he meets most of his opponents on favourable terms. Although Master Oats has been allocated top-weight of 11st 10lb, the minimum weight in the National is ten stone. Only 13 are are rated within those parameters. It is rare for a horse outside that band to win.

Opposition to Master Oats came from many quarters yesterday. The belief is hardening that the ground at Aintree will ride on the fast side of good. Not surprisingly, horses suited by those conditions cornered the betting market. Ladbrokes, William Hill and Corals all reported support for Country Member and Andy Turnell's horse is now a 14-1 chance.

Others popular with punters were Crystal Spirit, Lusty Light and Young Hustler. The last-named, fifth in the Gold Cup on unfavourable ground, is as low as 8-1 with Ladbrokes. Charles Barnett, clerk of the course at Aintree, described the going as good to soft yesterday. The weather forecast is for a largely dry week.

Jenny Pitman, who won the National with Corbiere in 1983, went a step closer to completing riding arrangements for her six-strong challenge. She confirmed Rodney Farrant for Lusty Light, perceived by bookmakers as Pitman's best prospect.

Farrant gained his only previous experience of the National 12 months ago, when his mount, Gay Ruffian, failed to progress beyond the seventh fence. Nevertheless, the jockey is excited by Lusty Light's prospects. "I'm looking forward to riding him," he said yesterday. "The ground is coming right for the horse."

Other Pitman bookings include Warren Marston for Garrison Savannah, Peter Niven for Superior Finish, Brendan Powell for Do Be Brief and John White for Esha Ness. Riding arrangements for Royal Athlete have yet to be announced.

Although Martin Pipe withdrew Run For Free and Open The Gate yesterday, he is expected to saddle Chatam, Riverside Boy, Errant Knight and last year's winner, Miinnehoma, the mount of Richard Dunwoody. In addition to Young Hustler, Nigel Twiston-Davies will be represented by Dakyns Boy and Camelot Knight.

Heavy ground last year reduced the National field to 36 runners. It marked only the second occasion that fewer than the maximum field contested the race since the present safety limit was introduced in 1984. Lightning-fast ground restricted the field to 38 when Mr Frisk shattered the track record five years ago.

Neale Doughty, who finished third aboard Rinus on that occasion, yesterday marked his retirement from the saddle with a win on American Hero in the Tennent Quaich Handicap Hurdle at Kelso. Doughty, a National winner on Hallo Dandy in 1984, cited his struggles with the scales as the main reason behind his decision.

MARTIN LYNCH

Young Hustler attracted further support yesterday for the Grand National

3.45 MARTELL GRAND NATIONAL (Handicap chase: £111,894: 4m 4f)

Master Oats, 9 yrs, 11st 10lb; Miinnehoma, 12-11-4; Young Hustler, 8-11-2; Dubacilla, 9-11-0; Blazing Walker, 11-10-8; Chatam, 11-10-6; Royal Athlete, 12-10-6; Crystal Spirit, 8-10-4; Zeta's Lad, 12-10-3; Commercial Artist, 9-10-3; Lusty Light, 9-10-2; Party Politics, 11-10-2; Nuaffe, 10-10-0; General Pershing, 9-9-13; Riverside Boy, 12-9-13; Topsham Bay, 12-9-12; Ebony Jane, 10-9-10; Country Member, 10-9-9; Bishops Hall, 9-9-8; Tartan Tyrant, 9-9-7; Dakyns Boy, 10-9-6; Errant Knight, 11-9-5; Garrison Savannah, 12-9-4; Cool Ground, 13-9-3; Tinryland, 11-9-3; Superior Finish, 9-9-2; For William, 9-9-0; The Committee, 12-8-13; Esha Ness, 12-8-12; Into The Red, 11-8-12; Plastic Spaceage, 12-8-12; Romany King, 11-8-11; Gold Cap, 10-8-10; Desert Lord, 9-8-6; Jumbeau, 10-8-7; Do Be Brief, 10-8-6; Camelot Knight, 9-8-5; Over The Deel, 9-8-3; Avonburn, 11-8-2; Its A Snip, 10-8-0. (Minimum weight 10st).

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FLAT TOP
(2.40 Hexham)
Next best: Enchanteur
(3.50 Wolverhampton)

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright
suggests the best value in the ante-post market

JOHN HUGHES MEMORIAL CHASE
Aintree, April 6

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Corals	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Dublin Flyer	11-2	6-1	5-1	5-1
Rough Quest	9-1	7-1	8-1	7-1
Meleagris	7-1	8-1	7-1	7-1
Indian Tonic	10-1	10-1	12-1	12-1
Uranus Collonges	10-1	10-1	8-1	10-1
Have To Think	12-1	12-1	11-1	12-1
Western Legend	10-1	12-1	12-1	16-1
Sir Peter Lely	12-1	16-1	14-1	16-1
Smartie Express	16-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Bibendum	25-1	16-1	14-1	16-1
Cuddy Dale	20-1	16-1	20-1	20-1
Buckboard Bounce	20-1	16-1	14-1	16-1
Kushbaloo	20-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
River Bounty	25-1	16-1	20-1	20-1

ALTHOUGH the Grand National is clearly the principal betting race of the week, there are other events at the three-day meeting worth close attention. Races run over the National fences at Aintree have always produced track specialists, and Thursday's John Hughes Memorial Chase offers an opportunity to profit from that fact. Indian Tonic, trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies, has tackled the fearsome Aintree fences on only three occasions, but already boasts a record second to none in recent years. The winner of this race and the Crowther Homes Becher Chase last season, both off the same handicap mark as he runs off this week, he was again in front when making an uncharacteristic blunder and falling two out in this season's Becher Chase.

His recent form is uninspiring but the ground has been too soft on his last three starts and, with a faster surface most likely at Aintree, the 12-1 on offer with Ladbrokes and the Tote represents tremendous value.

Dublin Flyer has been installed favourite after a fine second to the improving Kadi in the Mildmay of Flete at the Cheltenham Festival, but has been raised 2lb for that effort and will do well to return to winning form under 12 stones.

A bigger danger may be Rough Quest. He held every chance when falling four out in last year's race and comes here at the peak of his form, having won the Ritz Club Chase at the Festival in most impressive fashion by nine lengths from Antonin. A 6lb rise in the weights is fair for that performance and he may be the one to benefit if Indian Tonic fails to return to his best.

Of the remainder, Uranus Collonges is one-paced and would prefer further, while Meleagris had a run of three successes stopped by Well Briefed at Newbury last month and may now be in the grip of the handicapper.

THUNDERER

2.30 Green Green Ruby
3.00 Ganador
3.30 Thai Morning
4.00 Tharwa
4.30 Nivasha
5.00 Self Expression

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Dance Of The Moon.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 LANGWITH SELLING HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 1f 213yd) (19 runners)

101 (11) 63603- ABSOLUTE FOLLY 201 (P Chandler) J Berry 9-7 G Carter 93
102 (14) 050-00 DON'T MEAN A THING 13 (B Lelewe) R Hannon 9-7 L Dettori 91
103 (9) 0550-00 OKAY BABY 8 (M Keogh) M Tompkins 9-6 P Robinson –
104 (5) 4040- ELSIES BAR 284 (Mrs C Wyatt) R Whitaker 9-4 A Culhane 86
105 (10) 008-6 SAILORS MOON 68 (R Lochhart-Smith) R Collingridge 9-0 M Rimmer 82
106 (17) 00-55 SLAPY DAM 78 (M Charlton) Mrs J Ramsden 8-13 K Fallon ●
107 (3) 000- FLY THE EAGLE 166 (S Derby) D Haydn Davies 8-13 J Williams 80
108 (16) 000-060 KINDRED GREETING 46 (B) (M Brady) D Morris 8-11 G Duffield –
109 (8) 0000- LILAC RAIN 157 (J Cotton) J Arnold 8-10 J Weaver 91
110 (1) 05-6 DRAMA KING 88 (B) (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowring 8-10 S D Williams 87
111 (13) 0046-00 DON'T FORGET RUBY 10 (J Siddall) D Arbuthnot 8-8 T Quinn 97
112 (8) 36500-0 GREEN GREEN RUBY 32 (D Allen) G L Moore 8-6 A Clark 98
113 (12) 665-645 RISKY ROSE 50 (M Johnson) R Hollinshead 8-5 D Harrison 94
114 (4) 000-0 PENDINE 16 (A Simpson) S Williams 8-5 M Fenton 94
115 (2) 04P BOLDLY SO 50 (BF) (Miss T Swannell) W Musson 8-3 J Quinn 96
116 (7) 00-66 GRIFFIN'S GIRL 58 (F Jackson) R Hoad 7-11 J Lowe 83
117 (18) 006-00 PINK PETAL 49 (C Hill) C Hill 7-11 T Williams 83
118 (15) 00-04 DANNY'S GIFT 33 (Mrs G Kindersley) Miss A Whitfield 7-11 C Adamson (7) 97
119 (19) 500-005 CENTAUR EXPRESS 38 (Centaur Racing) A Forbes 7-9 C Hawksley (5) 96

BETTING: 9-2 Slapy Dam, 5-1 Absolute Folly, 7-1 Don't Mean A Thing, Centaur Express, 10-1 Risky Rose, 12-1 Danny's Gift, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

ABSOLUTE FOLLY 1¼l 3rd to Gigly in seller at Lingfield (AW, 1m). DON'T MEAN A THING 19l 8th to Iron N Gold in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good) with OKAY BABY 14l 11th. ELSIES BAR 14¾l last of 4 to Watch The Clock in conditions race at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm) on penultimate start, July 1994. SLAPY DAM about 1l 5th to Madia in seller at Southwell (AW, 1m). FLY THE EAGLE 31l 18th to Didina in maiden at Newbury (6f, good to soft). KINDRED GREETING 17l 8th to Fen Terrier in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f) with CENTAUR EXPRESS (5lb better off) 13l 11th. PENDINE 21l 9th of 14 to Never Gold Lady in selling handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) with DON'T FORGET RUBY (7lb worse off) 15l 13th. DANNY'S GIFT 12l 4th of 7 to Poly Road in apprentices claimer at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f).
Selection: ABSOLUTE FOLLY

3.00 FLYING HORSE MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O fillies: £4,110: 5f 13yd) (17 runners)

201 (11) 2622-32 AVANT HUIT 45 (Stamford Engineering Co) Mrs N Macauley 8-11 J Weaver 96
202 (16) 506-0 BEBE POMME 15 (B) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-11 J Tate (3) 85
203 (14) 553- BLUE SIOUX 151 (J Ashby) J Wharton 8-11 J Williams ●
204 (17) FAIRY WIND (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 8-11 L Dettori –
205 (6) 425- GANADOR 288 (Mrs B Ansell) J Berry 8-11 G Carter 90
206 (2) KARINA HEIGHTS (R Sangster) J Watts 8-11 J Reid –
207 (10) 53325-0 LA BELLE DOMINIQUE 27 (R Withers) S Knight 8-11 W Newnes 98
208 (12) 2433-42 LA SUQUET 8 (B Buckley) M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 92
209 (5) 0 NAME THAT TUNE 3 (C Hill) C Hill 8-11 J Quinn –
210 (15) NEVER SUCH BLISS (D Shirley) J Bethell 8-11 T Ives –
211 NISYA (A Al-Badi) Miss G Kelleway 8-11 S Whitworth –
212 (9) 6- MOTTASH 172 (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 8-11 D Harrison 90
213 (13) 6-0 PEGGY SPENCER 10 (G Reed) C Thornton 8-11 Dean McKeown 85
214 (8) PRINCESS GAY (S Crown) M Bell 8-11 G Faulkner (7) –
215 (3) SAMSUNG LOVELYLADY (T Scothern) E Weymes 8-11 G Hind –
216 (1) 0-0 SECRET MISS 3 (N Coverdale) A Jarvis 8-11 S Hunter (7) –
217 (7) SQUIRES MOUNT (A Simpson) M Bell 8-11 M Fenton –

BETTING: 9-2 Mottash, 5-1 Blue Sioux, 6-1 Avant Huit, 7-1 Fairy Wind, La Suquet, 8-1 Ganador, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AVANT HUIT 1¾l 2nd to Halliard in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 5f) with LA SUQUET 5l 4th. BLUE SIOUX 4l 3rd to Scenic Heights in maiden at Doncaster (6f, soft) with PEGGY SPENCER 7l 11th. GANADOR 2¾l 2nd to At Rewards in maiden at Pontefract (6f, firm) on penultimate start. LA BELLE DOMINIQUE 27l 12th of 13 to Saddlehome in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f). LA SUQUET short-head 2nd to Tinetos in auction maiden at Folkestone (6f, good). MOTTASH about 7¼l 6th to Night Hero in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). SECRET MISS 9¾l 10th to General Sir Peter in maiden at Warwick (5f, good to soft).
Selection: MOTTASH (nap)

3.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CINDERHILL MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,655: 5f 13yd) (9 runners)

301 (1) ALBERT THE BEAR (C Deelen) J Berry 9-0 G Carter –
302 (3) AMARETTO BAY (The Harlequin Partnership) B Meehan 9-0 B Doyle –
303 (2) 5 DUNGEON MASTER 12 (The Gleneagles Partnership) M Channon 9-0 R Hughes –
304 (5) EVERYONE CAN DREAM (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 9-0 D Holland –
305 (9) KALA SUNRISE (A Needham) C Smith 9-0 W Woods –
306 (7) RICHARD HOUSE LAD (D Mould) C Smith 9-0 M Wigham –
307 (8) 0 THAI MORNING 12 (The Thai Connection) P Harris 9-0 Pat Eddery –
308 (6) UNCLE GEORGE (J Fuller) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson –
309 (4) DANCE OF THE MOON (Dr A Gillespie, J Wilson) M Bell 8-9 M Fenton –

BETTING: 7-2 Albert The Bear, 4-1 Dungeon Master, 9-2 Thai Morning, Everyone Can Dream, 5-1 Dance Of The Moon, 7-1 Uncle George, 10-1 Amaretto Bay, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ALBERT THE BEAR (Foaled Mar 7, 21,000gns). By Puissance, dam, half-sister to high-class sprinter of Superpower, 5f juvenile winner. DUNGEON MASTER about 4l 5th of 12 to World Premier in conditions race at Doncaster (5f, good) with THAI MORNING 2¾l 8th. EVERYONE CAN DREAM (Apr 25). Half-brother by Shareef Dancer to Marchman, 1m 2f/1m 4f winner; dam winning sprinter. UNCLE GEORGE (Apr 5, 10,000gns). Second foal by Anshan; dam, daughter of smart triple mile winner Soprano (including twice in listed company). DANCE OF THE MOON (Jan 29). First foal by High Estate; dam unraced.
Selection: DUNGEON MASTER

103 (12) 6-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.00 BAGTHORPE HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,474: 6f 15yd) (19 runners)

401 (14) 2-34314 MASTER MILLFIELD 24 (D,G) (C Hill) C Hill 9-7 J Quinn ●
402 (9) 3424-1 DENBRAE 43 (D,G) (M Mellersh) D Murray Smith 9-5 J Weaver 87
403 (1) 0200- SOUTH SOUND 185 (I Wight) R Hannon 9-4 D O'Neill (7) 93
404 (7) 1620-40 ROCKCRACKER 17 (B,D,F) (R Hambro) R Charlton 9-4 D Harrison 90
405 (10) 0540-0 ASSUMPSIT 10 (S Dow) S Dow 9-4 T Quinn 87
406 (11) 000523- NAFTA 152 (J Lancaster & Partners) S Kettlewell 9-4 J Fortune 88
407 (15) 000- VOILA PREMIERE 182 (B Gould) M Tompkins 9-3 P Robinson –
408 (12) 160-660 DOUBLE GLOW 12 (C,F,G) (J White) N Bycroft 9-1 Dean McKeown 89
409 (3) 000- TAFAHHUS 185 (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-13 W Carson 85
410 (16) 400413- THARWA 158 (G) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-12 Pat Eddery 89
411 (2) 60446-0 MEDIA EXPRESS 6 (G) (M Al-Shoaibi) T Mills 8-12 J Reid 93
412 (18) 00000- MISS FELIXSTOWE 187 (Port of Felixstowe) Mrs M Reveley 8-11 G Carter –
413 (19) 50683- PERFECT BERTIE 151 (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 K Fallon 85
414 (6) 4-23642 POLY LAUREON 34 (F,G) (J Forsyth) R Hollinshead 8-10 L Dettori 89
415 (8) 06-32 PORTELET 88 (BF) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-8 G Duffield 84
416 (17) 6100-00 CASPER'S RISK 5 (B,D,G) (J Gilbertson) D Nicholls 8-8 Alex Greaves 90
417 (4) 38040- GARLANDE D'OR 180 (S Borsberry) J Spearing 8-7 G Hind 86
418 (5) 60600- RATICOSA 213 (V) (Mrs C Cawley) E Incisa 7-7 Kim Tinkler 75
419 (13) 0-58 MALZOOM 17 (Mrs D Kettlewell) S Kettlewell 7-7 N Carlisle 75

Long handicap: Malzoom 7-2.

BETTING: 6-1 Master Millfield, 7-1 Perfect Bertie, 8-1 Denbrae, Tharwa, Portelet, 10-1 Nafta, Rockcracker, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

MASTER MILLFIELD 5¼l 4th of 12 to Mabool in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f). DENBRAE beat South Forest neck in 13-runner auction maiden at Southwell (AW, 6f). ASSUMPSIT 6l 8th of 20 to Fata in maiden at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). NAFTA 5¼l 3rd of 7 to No Pattern in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 6f). THARWA 3l 3rd of 9 to Double Quick in nursery at Newmarket (5f, good). MEDIA EXPRESS 4¼l 7th of 16 to Orthorhombus in handicap at Folkestone (7f, good). PERFECT BERTIE 5¾l 3rd of 9 to Perryston View in nursery at Doncaster (5f, soft). POLY LAUREON 2¼l 2nd of 10 to Ultra Beet in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f). PORTELET 3¼l 2nd of 11 to Mr Frosty in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 7f).
Selection: DENBRAE

4.30 FOREST HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,274: 1m 6f 15yd) (8 runners)

501 (6) 000- CLEAN EDGE 189 (H Chan) M Tompkins 9-7 P Robinson –
502 (5) 0030-50 DODDINGTON FLYER 12 (J Bower) R Hollinshead 9-2 T Ives 92
503 (3) 6-40 AMERCIUS 12 (B) (The Freddy Partnership) R Hannon 8-5 R Perham –
504 (7) 00-6253 AL CORNICHE 8 (F) (D Bass) K Cunningham-Brown 8-1 J Quinn 95
505 (2) 000- NIVASHA 157 (W Jackson) M Bell 8-0 J Fanning 89
506 (8) 000-4 MIM-LOU-AND 8 (B Grant) B Millman 7-10 J Lowe 95
507 (1) 50640-5 TOMMYKNOCKER 6 (T Long) J Jenkins 7-10 F Norton ●
508 (4) 0-50 SOLOR DANCER 60 (J Porteous) C Booth 7-7 N Kennedy –

Long handicap: Solor Dancer 7-5.

BETTING: 3-1 Doddington Flyer, 7-2 Al Corniche, 4-1 Nivasha, 5-1 Amercius, Mim-Lou-And, 6-1 Tommyknocker, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CLEAN EDGE best effort last term 15l 13th of 17 to Kalabo in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). DODDINGTON FLYER 16l 7th of 18 to Inquisitor in handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good). AMERCIUS 33l 8th of 12 to Sea Victor in maiden at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good). AL CORNICHE 5¾l 3rd of 11 to Iron N Gold in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good) with MIM-LOU-AND (2lb better off) 2l 4th and TOMMYKNOCKER (2lb better off) 2l 5th. NIVASHA 11l 11th of 30 to Domappel in seller at Newmarket (1m, good to soft). SOLOR DANCER 36l 9th of 10 to Shaft Of Light in auction maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f).
Selection: AMERCIUS

5.00 LANGWORTH APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(£2,270: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

601 (2) 006106- TALENTED TING 175J (C,D,F,G) (M Wickens) P Haslam 6-10-0 Carol Davison 94
602 (11) 003022- BRANDONHURST 223 (F,G) Lady Herries 5-9-11 Lisa Hackett (5) 91
603 (10) 01256/ LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 493 (D,F,G,S) (G Tregloan) J Spearing 8-9-8 C Webb –
604 (7) 4-10420 AITCH N'BEE 11 (D,G,S) (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 12-9-6 P Doe (5) 96
605 (4) 66060-2 SELF EXPRESSION 32 (D,F,G,S) (R Moody) Mrs J Ramsden 7-9-3 T Finn (5) 95
606 (16) 613100- MAURANGI 199 (D,F,S) (M Foxton) B Murray 4-9-3 C Scudder 91
607 (5) 905- MUFERR 197 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 3-9-0 Jo Hunnam ●
608 (12) 00224- TOTAL RACH 188 (Total Asset Ltd) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-13 Victoria Appleby (5) 92
609 (6) 61045-0 AVISHAYES 11 (D,F,G) (P Davidson-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 8-8-11 D Denby 92
610 (1) 19000- LAST LAUGH 180 (F) (S O'Connell) R Hannon 3-8-9 E Greehy (5) 96
611 (15) 200-208 GREEK NIGHT OUT 58 (B,C,F) (Miss S Broadley) J A Harris 4-8-8 A Daly 85
612 (19) 106080- CAFE SOLO 185 (S) (J White) N Bycroft 4-8-7 P Fessey 94
613 (14) 200000- CHAIRMANS CHOICE 241 (D,G) (Mrs D Basker) A Jarvis 5-8-6 B Hunter 85
614 (18) 40300- PEWTER LASS 234 (A Allan) M Blanshard 3-8-4 S McCarthy 92
615 (9) 5-20430 RESPECTABLE JONES 19 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 9-8-3 A Eddery 97
616 (20) 3260-00 LA BELLE SHYANNE 58 (C Hill) C Hill 4-8-1 J Wilkinson 94
617 (13) 0000-00 AKABUSI 64 (G) (Blakeley Painters Ltd) J Norton 4-8-0 Amy Gosden (5) 87
618 (8) 000- DELGARTH LADY 198 (D Turney) J Spearing 4-7-12 Adelle Gibbons 87
619 (3) 492450- CAPTAIN MARMALADE 10 (D,G) (Mrs C Whitwood) D Thom 6-7-12 B Milligan 98
620 (17) 201500- JUST FIZZY 171 (G) (J Rose) J Wharton 3-7-8 T Thomas (5) 91

BETTING: 4-1 Self Expression, 7-1 Brandonhurst, Muferr, 8-1 Total Rach, Aitch N'Bee, 14-1 Talented Ting, Maurangi, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

TALENTED TING about 7l 6th of 12 to Floating Line in handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to soft). BRANDONHURST 3l 2nd of 13 to Wild Strawberry in amateurs handicap at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). SELF EXPRESSION 3¾l 2nd of 13 to A Million Watts in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m). MAURANGI best effort last term beat River Junction 1¼l in 11-runner apprentices handicap at Beverley (1m 110yd, good to firm). MUFERR 8¾l 5th of 13 to Flamecatcher in maiden over course and distance (good to soft). TOTAL RACH neck 2nd of 12 to Pelomi in auction maiden at Folkestone (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start. CAFE SOLO 7¼l 9th of 22 to Night In A Million in apprentices handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to soft). RESPECTABLE JONES 1¾l 3rd of 12 to Possibility in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f).
Selection: MAURANGI

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
L Cumani	8	24	33.3	Pat Eddery	22	93	23.7
R Charlton	9	30	30.0	D Harrison	10	45	22.2
M Johnston	7	34	20.6	L Dettori	27	139	19.4
R Whitaker	7	41	17.1	W Carson	26	149	17.4
N Callaghan	3	18	16.7	P Robinson	8	55	14.5
Mrs J Ramsden	11	69	15.9	K Fallon	8	56	14.3

Blinkered first time

HEXHAM: 5.10 Astral Invasion. NOTTINGHAM: 2.30 Kindred Greeting. 3.00 Bebe Pomme. 4.00 Rockcracker. 4.30 Americus. WOLVERHAMPTON: 3.50 Awestruck. 4.50 Jon's Choice.

Dunwoody out

RICHARD DUNWOODY is hoping to return at Ludlow tomorrow after giving up three rides at Fontwell yesterday. A knee injury, received in a fall from Southerly Gale at Newton Abbot on Saturday, was still troubling him. He rides Miinnehoma in the Grand National on Saturday.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Fontwell Park

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Stapleford Lady (W McFarland, 10-1); 2, Gameful Gold (8-1 jt-fav); 3, Wiltosk (14-1); 4, Abu Dancer (20-1). J Brand 8-1 jt-fav 22 ran. 9l, 1¼l. J Moore. Tote: £12.60; £3.50, £1.80, £2.70, £8.50. DF: £79.80. Trio: £155.90. CSF: £87.66. Tricast: £1,061.81.

2.40 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Sheephaven (D Bridgwater, 11-2); 2, Trader Tye (3-1 fav); 3, The Malakarma (11-2). 13 ran. Sh hd, 3l. T Casey. Tote: £7.60; £2.60, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £18.70. Trio: £49.50. CSF: £22.04. Tricast: £89.26.

3.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Poetic Form (M Richards, 10-1); 2, Capo Castanum (7-1); 3, Drummond Warrior (4-1). Fengen 11-4 fav. 12 ran. 1¼l, 4l. C Weedon. Tote: £11.40; £3.10, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £71.30. Trio: £55.60. CSF: £74.26.

3.40 (2m 3f ch) 1, The Whip (Peter Hobbs, 6-4 fav); 2, Dennington (7-1); 3, Chip And Run (33-1). 11 ran. 1¾l, 12l. D Grissell. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £2.50, £2.90. DF: £10.90. Trio: £209.20. CSF: £12.18. Tricast: £219.50.

4.10 (2m 2f ch) 1, Brimpton Bertie (G Upton, 6-1); 2, Bright Season (33-1); 3, My Senor (20-1). Pioneer Pete 9-4 fav (f). 10 ran. NR: Gold Glen. 20l, 1½l. D Chappell. Tote: £8.20; £2.00, £8.60, £3.70. DF: £283.70. Trio: £244.30 (part won; pool of £223.72 carried forward to 4.00 at Nottingham today). CSF: £135.12.

4.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Prince Teeton (B Powell, 11-10 fav); 2, Rosie-B (14-1); 3, Shimba Hills (11-2). 15 ran. 1l, 6l. R Buckler. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £14.80. Trio: £31.00. CSF: £19.00.

5.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Quasimodo (L Harvey, 9-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Tordo (3-1); 3, Elusive Star (10-1). 12 ran. 3l, 12l. Miss C Johnsey. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.50, £3.00. DF: £5.20. Trio: £21.90. CSF: £9.08.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £32,066.60 carried forward to Nottingham today).

Placepot: £678.20. Quadpot: £121.10.

Kelso

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Lord Dorcet (P Niven, 5-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Master Baverd (8-1); 3, Nova Champ (33-1). 19 ran. 2l, 2l. J Chatton. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.80, £4.80. DF: £8.10. Trio: £96.90. CSF: £11.83.

2.30 (2m 1f ch) 1, Mils Mij (P Niven, 6-1); 2, Briar's Delight (12-1); 3, Golden Isle (14-1); 4, St Elmo's Fire (7-1). Easby Joker 5-2 fav. 16 ran. 1½l, 5l. T Cuthbert. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £2.50, £5.30, £1.40. DF: £32.40. Trio: £157.40. CSF: £71.67. Tricast: £897.64.

3.00 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Village Reindeer (L Wyer, 10-1); 2, Dockmaster (4-1 fav); 3, Memorable (14-1); 4, Exemplar (20-1). 17 ran. ¾l, 2½l. P Calver. Tote: £16.40; £4.30, £1.50, £3.20, £3.30. DF: £38.20. Trio: £130.70. CSF: £50.60. Tricast: £539.90.

3.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, Ruber (Miss P Robson, 6-1); 2, Wudimp (6-5 fav); 3, The Major General (16-1). 15 ran. 4l, 6l. R Thomson. Tote: £7.20; £2.00, £1.40, £5.30. DF: £5.70. Trio: £22.90. CSF: £12.78.

4.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Solar Nova (N Smith, 8-1); 2, Topsthenorthracing (7-2 fav); 3, Red March Hare (5-1). 15 ran. NR: Brilliant Disguise, Chowpor, Craigie Rambler. 3l, 3½l. I Park. Tote: £7.10; £1.80, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £18.20. Trio: £81.20. CSF: £31.23. Tricast: £139.24.

4.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, Popeshall (Mr R H Brown, 10-1); 2, Royal Jester (5-2); 3, Davy Blake (4-5 fav). 8 ran. 2l, 1½l. Miss Sally Williamson. Tote: £8.80; £1.40, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £12.20. CSF: £33.31.

5.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, American Hero (N Doughty, 15-2); 2, Tighter Budget (16-1); 3, Thornton Gate (8-1). Monty Royale 3-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Zafra. ¾l, 9l. R Allan. Tote: £6.60; £2.00, £3.10, £2.20. DF: £60.40. Trio: £192.70. CSF: £106.38. Tricast: £900.55.

Placepot: £19.30. Quadpot: £4.00.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.20 (7f) 1, Cloette (Emma O'Gorman, 5-2 fav); 2, Bellasonnette (11-2); 3, Lucky Peg (16-1). 10 ran. Sh hd, 15l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £3.90; £1.90, £5.10, £1.10. DF: £9.70. Trio: £40.60. CSF: £15.83.

2.50 (1m 4f) 1, Sea Spouse (S McCarthy, 33-1); 2, Mad Militant (8-15 fav); 3, Eulogy (10-1). 6 ran. 1¾l, 5l. M Blanshard. Tote: £64.20; £15.60, £1.10. DF: £39.40. CSF: £50.57.

3.20 (1m 3f) 1, My Minnie (B Doyle, 11-2); 2, Mr Bean (4-1); 3, Palacegate Jo (6-1). Suivez 6-4 fav. 6 ran. 1½l, 2½l. B Meehan. Tote: £4.70; £3.90, £1.60. DF: £14.50. CSF: £24.57.

3.50 (7f) 1, Exclusive Assembly (F Norton, 12-1); 2, Orthorhombus (5-1); 3, Three Arch Bridge (7-2 fav). 12 ran. ¾l, 3½l. A James. Tote: £12.20; £1.20, £2.60, £2.30. DF: £84.80. Trio: £55.30. CSF: £69.46.

4.20 (6f) 1, South Forest (C Teague, 5-6 fav); 2, Cretan Gift (11-1); 3, The Real Whizzbang (14-1). 9 ran. 5l, ½l. S Bowring. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.70, £3.60. DF: £9.00. Trio: £152.80. CSF: £11.93.

4.50 (1m) 1, Daytona Beach (G Parkin, 8-1); 2, Genesis Four (12-1); 3, Top Fella (12-1); 4, Asmarina (14-1). Tovarich 9-4 fav. 16 ran. Hd, 2l. P Burgoyne. Tote: £11.00; £2.50, £2.90, £4.20, £2.80. DF: £53.70. Trio: £173.10. CSF: £105.22. Tricast: £1,073.91.

Placepot: £129.70. Quadpot: £35.80.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

2.10 Cool Weather. 2.40 Malawi. 3.10 **POSITIVE ACTION** (nap). 3.40 Quiet Mistress. 4.10 Barney Rubble. 4.40 The Grey Monk. 5.10 Virkon Venture.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
5.10 VIRKON VENTURE.

GOING: HEAVY (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 FEDERATION BREWERY MAIDEN CHASE

(£2,672: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 0060 CELTIC SILVER 134 Mrs S Smith 7-11-8 Richard Guest –
2 UP25 COOL WEATHER 17 (BF) P Cheesbrough 7-11-8 R Supple ●
3 PPP8 EJAY HAITCH 10 (B) S Harris 10-11-8 B Dalton –
4 0642 LAST REFUGE 21 T Carr 6-11-8 A Dobbin 88
5 U0P4 MILEY PIKE 61 Mrs K Tutty 8-11-8 Mr N Tutty –
6 /00- ORTON HOUSE 456 J Charlton 8-11-8 K Johnson –
7 2322 WALLS COURT 10 Mrs A Swinbank 8-11-8 J Railton 98
8 46UD EASTER OATS 80 (S) R Goldie 8-11-3 T Jenks 85
9 2-30 HOWCLEUCH 132 J Oliver 8-11-3 N Williamson 90
10 6P-P SAGARO BELLE 25 A Crow 9-11-3 P Waggott 77
11 6644 SEEKING GOLD 25 J Barclay 6-11-3 A Thornton 95
12 P-FF SPECTRE BROWN 17 F Jestin 5-11-0 N Leach –

3-1 Howcleuch, 7-2 Last Refuge, 4-1 Walls Court, 7-1 Cool Weather, 12-1 others.

2.40 FEDERATION BREWERY LCL PILS LAGER NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,579: 3m) (20)

1 4010 HAGAR 14 (D,G) J Charlton 6-11-9 P Niven 80
2 2331 MALAWI 36 (B,D,S) W Bethell 5-11-9 A Maguire 98
3 05 ABBEY LAMP 61 J Johnson 6-11-2 A P McCoy –
4 005 AYLESBURY LAD 18 D Lamb 6-11-2 Mr A Manners (7) –
5 4000 CADRILLON 13 T Tate 5-11-2 R Garritty –
6 004 FATHER O'BRIEN 15 J Edwards 6-11-2 D Bentley 90
7 463 KINGS SERMON 10 P Beaumont 6-11-2 C Hawkins –
8 0P50 MARKED CARD 17 Mrs M Kendall 7-11-2 Mrs M Kendall 73
9 23 MISTER MUDDYPAWS 19 J Johnson 5-11-2 D Bridgwater 83
10 40 NIKI DEE 45 P Beaumont 5-11-2 R Supple –
11 00 PACIFIC RAMBLER 108 G Moore 5-11-2 J Callaghan –
12 00 SANDS POINT 78 C Parker 5-11-2 Mr D Parker (5) –
13 032 SIRERIC 19 S Bell 5-11-2 K Johnson 97
14 0-P3 SPECTACULAR STAR 15 K Bailey 6-11-2 N Williamson ●
15 PU3F SPURIOUS 10 G Richards 9-11-2 A Dobbin –
16 00 WILLERFOSS 34 B Rothwell 5-11-2 J Supple (5) –
17 521 FLAT TOP 19 (CD,S) M W Easterby 4-11-1 J Driscoll (7) 97
18 00-P CAILIN RUA 15 M Meagher 7-10-11 L Wyer –
19 6F0 FOREVER SILVER 11 L Lungo 5-10-11 F Perratt (3) –
20 RYE HEAD Mrs K Tutty 4-10-8 Mr N Tutty –

4-1 Flat Top, 6-1 Malawi, Spectacular Star, 7-1 Sireric, 8-1 others.

3.10 FEDERATION BREWERY SPECIAL ALE HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,636: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 1323 POSITIVE ACTION 29 (CD,F,G,S) M Barnes 9-12-0 A Dobbin 98
2 4P41 ISSYIN 8 (B,D,G,S) M W Easterby 8-12-0 (7ex) R Garritty 90
3 0612 KANNDABIL 115 (B,D,G,S) N Tinkler 8-11-3 G Bradley 95
4 4353 KAMBALDA RAMBLER 24 (CD,S) C Parker 11-11-3 Mr D Parker (5) 98
5 3645 SUPPOSIN 56 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-10 Richard Guest ●
6 55F1 SUPER SANDY 19 (CD,S) F Walton 8-10-5 K Johnson 98
7 2260 PORT IN A STORM 68 (S) M Hammond 6-10-2 Mr C Bonner (5) 91

5-1 Kanndabil, 7-2 Super Sandy, 4-1 Issyin, 9-2 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Monteith, 15 winners from 47 runners, 31.9%; T Carr, 3 from 11, 27.3%; L Lungo, 12 from 45, 26.7%, G Richards, 26 from 107, 24.3%, G M Moore, 14 from 80, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: D Bridgwater, 3 winners from 4 rides, 75.0%; N Leach, 4 from 13, 30.8%; A Maguire, 7 from 27, 25.9%, M Dwyer, 12 from 56, 21.4%; A Dobbin, 16 from 78, 20.5%. P Waggott, 6 from 42, 14.3%.

3.40 FEDERATION BREWERY MEDALLION LAGER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,059: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1 5030 FRET 43 (C,G,S) J Wainwright 5-12-0 P Midgley 98
2 P456 EASTERN PLEASURE 20 (B,D,S) W Clay 8-11-12 S Wynne 96
3 2615 FIVE FLAGS 10 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-11-10 R Wilkinson (3) 96
4 0302 VERY EVIDENT 19 (D,S) G Moore 6-11-6 N Stocks (5) 97
5 303/ GLEN MORVERN 1419 (F) J Theakston 9-10-13 Mark Roberts (3) –
6 -213 QUIET MISTRESS 20 (D,S) W Bethell 5-10-12 A P McCoy ●
7 06P6 MARDOOD 20 (G,S) S Clark 10-10-10 F Leahy 96
8 1045 SAKURA 17 (F,G) M Hammond 4-10-8 D Bentley 96
9 35P2 BRILLIANT DISGUISE 21 P Monteith 6-10-4 T Jenks 95
10 -PP0 DUTCH BLUES 99 (S) Mrs S Austin 8-10-2 E Husband –
11 1/00 BURTONWOODS BEST 10 (D,G) S Harris 9-10-0 T Eley –
12 0P6U LOMOND SPRINGS 24 J Barclay 6-10-0 A Wallwork (7) –

3-1 Very Evident, 4-1 Brilliant Disguise, 6-1 Quiet Mistress, Five Flags, 8-1 Sakura, 10-1 Fret, 12-1 Eastern Pleasure, 14-1 others.

4.10 BUCHANAN HIGH LEVEL BROWN ALE HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,905: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 3104 GREEN TIMES 15 (G,S) Miss M Milligan 10-12-0 Richard Guest 80
2 1414 BARNEY RUBBLE 17 (C,G,S) D Whillans 10-11-6 B Harding (5) 95
3 5-56 RUN PET RUN 21 (CD,G,S) D Nolan 10-11-2 A Maguire 97
4 F214 GOLDEN FIDDLE 15 (D,S) J Oliver 7-11-0 N Williamson 88
5 00PP DEADLINE 56 (B,D,G,S) S Chadwick 12-10-3 D Webb (7) –
6 6252 MAJIC RAIN 14 (C,G) D Eddy 10-10-0 D Bridgwater ●
7 -605 THE MOSSES 19 (D,F,S) W Sample 10-10-0 K Johnson 90
8 4P00 FISH QUAY 11 (F,G,S) Mrs K Lamb 12-10-0 Miss S Lamb (7) 94
9 3454 LITTLE GENERAL 127 (F) B Ellison 12-10-0 F Leahy (5) 71

5-2 Majic Rain, Barney Rubble, 7-2 Golden Fiddle, 6-1 Green Times, 7-1 Run Pet Run, 12-1 The Mosses, 16-1 others.

4.40 FEDERATION BREWERY MAIDEN HURDLE

(Div I: £2,249: 2m) (14)

1 04 BREEZY SEA 24 P Monteith 5-11-0 T Jenks –
2 264- COMBELLINO 192F M Hammond 5-11-0 Mr C Bonner (5) 97
3 0-6 EXCLUSION 17 J Hetherton 6-11-0 R Marley –
4 LA MOUCHE Mrs S Smith 7-11-0 Richard Guest –
5 PALACE OF GOLD 218F L Lungo 5-11-0 F Perratt (3) –
6 1F63 SIGMA RUN 17 (G) J Edwards 6-11-0 N Williamson ●
7 00-0 TALL FELLOW 20 S Clark 5-11-0 Miss R Clark (7) –
8 3-U4 THE GREY MONK 139 (BF,G) G Richards 7-11-0 A Dobbin 94
9 0600 TROOPING 21 M Meagher 6-11-0 L Wyer 89
10 WALI 256F V Thompson 5-11-0 Mr M Thompson –
11 DRUMDONNA 180F P Beaumont 5-10-9 Mrs A Farrell –
12 P0 EMMA'S VISION 14 M Avison 5-10-9 R Garritty –
13 220- RYTHMIC RYMER 340 J Jefferson 5-10-9 M Dwyer 93
14 00 NOON RIDGE 25 Mrs K Tutty 4-10-3 Mr N Tutty –

7-2 Sigma Run, 5-1 Combellino, Palace Of Gold, 6-1 Trooping, 8-1 Drumdonna, The Grey Monk, 16-1 others.

5.10 FEDERATION BREWERY MAIDEN HURDLE

(Div II: £2,231: 2m) (14)

1 32-0 BALLYALLIA CASTLE 24 R Fisher 6-11-0 B Harding (5) –
2 0 BLUEFAULDS 179 F Jestin 6-11-0 N Leach –
3 0P00 BOETHIUS 15 F Walton 6-11-0 Mr A Robson –
4 56-0 CLEEVAUN 21 (G) J J O'Neill 7-11-0 M Dwyer 80
5 0-03 DERWENT LAD 25 M Barnes 6-11-0 A Dobbin 73
6 KERAK Miss M Milligan 5-11-0 Richard Guest –
7 0 MINI CRUISE 36 J Johnson 5-11-0 A Maguire –
8 2430 VIRKON VENTURE 4F (V) M Tompkins 7-11-0 D Gallagher ●
9 FP54 BLACK MAGIC WOMAN 19 J Hellens 7-10-9 A Larnach (3) 81
10 HEATHERIDGE L Lungo 5-10-9 F Perratt (3) –
11 5060 ASTRAL INVASION 19 (V) W Clay 4-10-8 Diana Clay 92
12 0 BALI TENDER 147 M W Easterby 4-10-8 J Driscoll (7) –
13 P BURRINGHAM BOY 36 B Rothwell 4-10-8 R Supple –
14 00 KING OF THE HORSE 17 W Storey 4-10-8 K Johnson –

7-4 Virkon Venture, 6-1 Heatheridge, 7-1 Cleevaun, Derwent Lad, 10-1 Black Magic Woman, Mini Cruise, 12-1 Boethius, 16-1 others.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

2.20 Sharp Holly. 2.50 Grey Again. 3.20 Equerry. 3.50 Broom Isle. 4.20 Swiss Valley Lady. 4.50 Souperficial.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.20 **STAR FIGHTER** (nap). 3.50 Charlie Bigtime.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.20 THAILAND MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,519: 6f) (4 runners)

1 06- HEATHYARDS MAGIC 150 R Hollinshead 9-0 W Ryan 4
2 32-2 SHARP 'N SMART 8 B Smart 9-0 S Sanders (3) 2
3 00-5 JESSICA'S SECRET 34 A Bailey 8-9 V Halliday (5) 1
4 0-42 SHARP HOLLY 31 J Bennett 8-9 D Wright (3) 3

6-4 Sharp 'n Smart, 5-2 Heathyards Magic, 11-4 Sharp Holly, 4-1 Jessica's Secret.

2.50 CHINA FILLIES HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,045: 7f) (6)

1 046- DOMINION'S DREAM 162 B Smart 9-7 A Daly (7) 6
2 02F1 DAVID JAMES' GIRL 17 (CD,G,S) A Bailey 9-6 K Darley 4
3 00-3 GREY AGAIN 27 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 8-8 C Teague (7) 2
4 060- INSTANT SUCCESS 133 W O'Gorman 8-5 S Sanders (3) 3
5 024- WE'RE JOKEN 221 (G,S) J Berry 8-5 J Carroll 5
6 000- REMONTANT 172 R Hollinshead 8-0 A Garth (5) 1

9-4 David James' Girl, 5-2 Grey Again, 7-2 We're Joken, 6-1 Instant Success, 8-1 Dominion's Dream, Remontant.

3.20 SINGAPORE LIMITED STAKES

(£2,796: 1m 100yd) (7)

1 30-2 EQUERRY 5 M Johnston 4-9-7 M Hills 5
2 000- FITZROY LAD 13J R Baker 5-9-7 S Raymont 6
3 0450 MAROWINS 17 (CD,G) E Alston 6-9-7 K Darley 1
4 000- SOOTY TERN 188 (D,F,G,S) J Bradley 8-9-7 S Drowne (5) 3
5 0425 KRISTIS GIRL 17 (D,G,S) D Haydn Jones 8-9-2 A Mackay 7
6 4410 STAR FIGHTER 45 (BF,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-9 Emma O'Gorman (3) 2
7 300- JACKATACK 157 M Channon 3-8-5 Paul Eddery 4

6-4 Equerry, 7-2 Star Fighter, 5-1 Sooty Tern, 6-1 Marowins, Jackatack, 12-1 Kristis Girl, 16-1 Fitzroy Lad.

3.50 INDIA HANDICAP (£3,159: 1m 4f) (10)

1 3320 PREMIER DANCE 17 (CD,BF,F,G) D Haydn Jones 8-10-0 S Drowne (5) 1
2 22-1 BROOM ISLE 17 (CD,F,G) D Burchell 7-9-12 D R McCabe (3) 8
3 -161 SHAKIYR 62 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-11 W Ryan 7
4 530- WESTERN FLEET 203 (G) J Pearce 4-9-2 S Sanders (3) 9
5 6414 CHARLIE BIGTIME 17 (CD,F,G) B McMath 5-9-2 A Mackay 3
6 1604 AWESTRUCK 3 (V,CD,F,G,S) B Preece 5-9-1 Paul Eddery 5
7 0-06 HILL FARM DANCER 15 (CD,F,G) W Brisbourne 4-8-12 A Garth (5) 6
8 -024 SWYNFORD FLYER 15 (C,F,G) J A Harris 6-8-9 J Stack (3) 2
9 38/1 ENCHANTEUR 17 (C,G) T Etherington 4-8-4 K Darley 4
10 2631 HEVER GOLF LADY 10 (G) T Naughton 3-7-7 N Adams 10

3-1 Broom Isle, 7-2 Shakiyr, 5-1 Enchanteur, 6-1 Charlie Bigtime, 8-1 others.

4.20 MALAYSIA SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,277: 5f) (5)

1 MUSTAFFA M Channon 8-11 P P Murphy (5) 5
2 30 DON'T TELL VICKI 3 J Moore 8-6 K Darley 3
3 EXACTLY M Johnston 8-6 M Hills 4
4 GI LA HIGH J Berry 8-6 J Carroll 2
5 2 SWISS VALLEY LADY 11 W G M Turner 8-6 T Sprake 1

2-1 Gi La High, 11-4 Exactly, 3-1 Swiss Valley Lady, 7-2 others.

4.50 HONG KONG HANDICAP (£2,519: 6f) (12)

1 10-4 KING RAMBO 27 (G) R Hollinshead 4-10-0 W Ryan 6
2 200- RED FIVE 180 J Berry 4-9-9 J Carroll 3
3 6221 BON SECRET 6 (D,G) T Naughton 3-9-9 (7ex) S Sanders (3) 5
4 5050 JON'S CHOICE 3 (B,CD,G) B Preece 7-9-7 T Wall 9
5 0-51 SOUPERFICIAL 15 (V,D,F,G) J Glover 4-9-3 K Darley 4
6 500- SAKHAROV 176 (D,F,G) M Johnston 6-9-3 M Hills 11
7 2260 THE INSTITUTE BOY 19 (D,G) Miss J Craze 5-9-2 S Webster 7
8 202- SAXON KING 148 M Usher 5-8-12 R Street 8
9 03-0 ANGELIC DANCER 64 (B,D,F) S Bowring 4-8-10 C Teague (7) 12
10 0-40 HILL FARM KATIE 15 (B,G) W Brisbourne 4-8-7 A Garth (5) 10
11 500- CHILLY TIME 165 (B) P Murphy 4-7-11 R Waterfield (7) 1
12 000- OUR MICA 250 (B,G,S) L Barratt 5-7-10 T Williams 2

4-1 Souperficial, 9-2 Bon Secret, 5-1 King Rambo, 7-1 Saxon King, 8-1 Red Five, Sakharov, 10-1 The Institute Boy, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 20 winners from 73 runners, 27.4%, M Channon, 6 from 32, 18.8%; A Bailey, 22 from 119, 18.5%; J Glover, 4 from 24, 16.7%; J Berry, 19 from 125, 15.2%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 20 winners from 73 rides, 27.4%, M Hills, 4 from 18, 22.2%, D Wright, 13 from 106, 12.3%; Paul Eddery, 8 from 78, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

SUNDAY'S POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

SIR W W WYNN'S (Eaton Hall): Hunt: 1, Ambrose (W Ryson, 7-4 fav), 2, Goteomeotthat; 3, Glittering Hope. 8 ran. Confined: 1, My Nominee (A Griffith, 7-1); 2, Storm Warrior; 3, Fishing Season. 12 ran. Open: 1, Moss Castle (A Crow, 4-6 fav); 2, Fence Judge; 3, Captan Mor. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Squirrellsdaughter (Miss S Beddoes, 9-2); 2, Hornblower; 3, Neltama. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Brazen Gold (D Barlow, 6-1); 2, Moorside Lad; 3, Allezcally. 14 ran. Intermediate: 1, Korbell (A Crow, 1-2 fav); 2, Sloe Hill; 3, Formel. 8 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Miss Shaw (A Griffith, 4-1); 2, Taura's Rascal, 3, Scottish Laird. 13 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Made Of Talent (A Crow, 4-1); 2, Can You Just; 3, Spacious Sovereign. 16 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Kings Mischief (Miss A Price, 5-2 fav); 2, Clonony Castle; 3, April Surprise. 18 ran.

SOUTHDOWN & ERIDGE (Heathfield): Hunt: 1, Glenavey (P Hall, 3-1); 2, Corrado; only 2 finished. 5 ran. BFSS (Nov Riders): 1, Country Festival (M Jones, 25-1); 2, Treble Chance; 3, Skinnhill. 12 ran. Confined: 1, Country Vet (C Gordon, 9-2); 2, Supreme Dealer; 3, Magical Morris. 13 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Roc De Prince (P Scouller, 7-4 fav); 2, Clover Coin; 3, Take The Town. 11 ran. PPOA Rest I: 1, Ollie's Lady (C Gordon, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Just Jack; 3, Mount Patrick. 9 ran. PPOA Rest II: 1, Nethertara (P Hacking, 4-7 fav); 2, Slade Quarter; 3, Dovehill. 8 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Greenhill Fly Away (S Sporborg, 9-4 fav); 2, Captain Beal; only 2 finished. 12 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, No Inhibitions (A Warr, 5-1); 2, King's Rainbow; 3, Clean Sweep. 11 ran.

PEMBROKESHIRE (Lydstep): Hunt: 1, Rocket Run (D Duggan, 4-6 fav); 2, Fox Pointer; 3, Valiant Friend. 8 ran. Intermediate: 1, Birora (J Jukes, 1-3 fav); 2, Landsker Alfred; 3, Origami. 4 ran. Open: 1, Royal Saxon (D Duggan, 1-2 fav); 2, Daisy Miller; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Mdn I: 1, Cider Sally (V Hughes, 8-1); 2, My Harvinski, 3, Lady Forrester. 12 ran. Mdn II: 1, Saffron Moss (Miss A Meakins, 10-1), 2, Penny Lark; 3, Pollerton's Dream. 7 ran. Mdn III: 1, Gus McCrae (Miss P Jones, Evens fav), 2, Moonlight Cruise; 3, Desert Lomond. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, News Review (Mrs J Gault, 5-2); 2, Timber Tool; 3, Mount Falcon. 12 ran. Rest: 1, Conna Moss (J Tudor, 10-1); 2, Proud Drifter; 3, Overman. 12 ran. Confined: 1, Nudge Double Up (J Jukes, 8-1); 2, Gold Shot; 3, Buemen. 6 ran.

NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE (Newtown) Hunt: 1, Ballyono (Miss A Downes, 12-1), 2, Kites Hardwicke, 3, Spanish Rouge. 7 ran. Confined: 1, Coombesbury Lane (T Stephenson, 40-1), 2, Now We Know, 3, Run To Form. 9 ran. Open: 1, Scally's Daughter (E Williams, 1-4 fav); 2, Space Prince, 3, Hagler. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Solar Cloud (Miss C Spearing, 14-1), 2, In The Water, only 2 finished. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Nether Gobions (G Barfoot-Saunt, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Rip Van Winkle; 3, Grimley Gale. 17 ran. Mdn I: 1, Louis Farrell (S Blackwell, 7-1), 2, Carlsan; 3, Upton Orbit. 12 ran. Mdn II: 1, Master Donnington (J Pritchard, 8-1); 2, Atlantic Highway; 3, Young Mariner. 9 ran. Mdn III: 1, Miss Pennal (M Jackson, 7-1); 2, Cruise Ann; 3, Parrylane. 10 ran.

DART VALE & HALDON (Ottery St Mary) Hunt: 1, Colonel O'Kelly (Mrs C Wonnacott, 4-6 fav); 2, Duke Of Absom; 3, Moze Tidy. 8 ran. Mdn I: 1, No More Nice Guy (Mrs M Hand, 7-4 fav); 2, Temporary, 3, Sister Revenge. 9 ran. Mdn II: 1, On Alert (Mrs C Wonnacott, 5-2); 2, Kingsmill Quay; 3, Merlin's Lad. 9 ran. Open: 1, Chilipour (G Maundrell, 6-4 fav); 2, Olveston; 3, Tranquil Waters. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Little Might (P Scholfield, 2-1), 2, Greenwine; 3, Fearsome. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Khattaf (Miss J Cumings, 6-1), 2, Perfect Stranger; 3, Aristos. 9 ran. Rest: 1, Rasta Man (W G Turner, 6-4 fav); 2, Mountain Master; 3, Roving Rebel. 9 ran.

TODAYS'S POINT-TO-POINT: Heythrop (at Heythrop): 2m east of Chipping Norton (first race 2pm).

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The Masters provides poignant reminder of a champion's better days

Lyle struggles to recapture former glories at Augusta

John Hopkins finds one of golf's most popular players attempting to defy the inevitable effects of time

FOR Sandy Lyle, travelling down Magnolia Drive in yesterday morning's crisp sunshine was a journey down Memory Lane. Magnolia Drive was as beautiful as ever, 300 tree-lined yards leading to the stately old clubhouse of the Augusta National Golf Club.

It brought back good memories to Lyle, of his thrilling victory in the 1988 Masters and of his courageous putting on greens cut so close that they threated to turn blue from a lack of water and exposure to the sunshine. Most of all, he remembered his stupendous seven-iron shot from a bunker on the 18th, called the greatest bunker shot since Bobby Jones's in an Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes 60 years earlier.

Those were the days, seven years ago, when Lyle had the world at his massive feet. The Open champion in 1985, he played a dominant role in Europe's victory in the 1987 Ryder Cup at Muirfield Village, the first in the United States.

Now, he appears to be on his knees, metaphorically speaking. The man who was one of the best players in the world in 1988 has finished among the top 20 players in Europe only once since then. His last Ryder Cup appearance was in 1987.

The cause of Lyle's troubles is a source of worry for all those who like and admire this talented man. The rocks on which he has foundered include a withering of his confidence, a divorce, diminishing skill on and around the greens and a continual tinkering with his technique. *Anno domini* cannot be overlooked, either.

Ian Woosnam has a theory that golfers mature around the age of 30, that this is the time when the disparate characteristics that flower and wither at different times combine to fuse for a few fleeting years.

"I certainly played my best between 1987 and 1991," Woosnam, who was born in March 1958, said. "I was a better golfer then than I am now."

The same would appear to apply to Nick Faldo, who won five major titles between July 1987, when he celebrated his thirtieth birthday, and 1992 and who has won none since, and Lyle, who was born in 1958. If every rule needs an exception to prove it, then Nick Price provides it in this case. He has been playing his best golf since he celebrated his 35th birthday.

"I was at my best in 1987, 1988, that sort of time," Lyle said. "It seemed easier then." He won four events in the United States and three in Europe in those two years.

Lyle also looked more committed then. In New Orleans last week, another player talked of a practice round he had played with Lyle: "Sandy didn't seem interested," he said. "His mind wasn't on the job." In the first round, Lyle hit a ball into a bush and gave up the search for it before the allotted five minutes had elapsed.

Lyle still hits the ball enormous distances and retains the phlegmatic temperament that has been so helpful to him, but the way he swings in practice and when he hits a ball are dramatically different. His practice swing is conventional enough, his hands travelling on a regular plane. The swing he makes at the ball, however, is so flat that his hands go back around his waist. It looks like a drunken heave.

Lyle talks of the ways in which he is trying to make it more upright, and, to this end, he practises with a harness and a baseball glove. So far, it seems, to little avail.

The difficulty that Lyle faces is how to raise his game now that his competitive edge is blunted by his comfortable income — though his contracts are running out — and a rewarding family life. He lives in some comfort with Jolande, his second wife, and their two young children near Biggar in Scotland, where he teaches his two sons from his first marriage to play golf and occasionally encourages Jolande to do so as well.

Next year, Lyle can rejoin the United States Tour and he intends to do so, basing himself near Tony Jacklin and family in Palm Beach, Florida. There is little to keep him in Europe, where his only remaining contract is with Lyle and Scott, the knitwear manufacturers. It is Lyle's last chance.

Davis Love made sure of an invitation to the US Masters, which starts at Augusta, Georgia, on Thursday, with victory in the Freeport-McMoran Classic in New Orleans on Sunday. Love won at the second extra hole in a sudden-death play-off with Mike Heinen, also of the United States, after they had completed the tournament in 274, 14 under par. Sandy Lyle was the leading Briton, a 71 giving him a total of 283, with Ian Woosnam one shot behind.

☐ Harvey Penick, the author of two of the most successful golf books of all time, died on Sunday night, aged 90. Penick was the professional at the Austin Country Club, Texas. Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite, two of Penick's former pupils, will attend the funeral in Austin tomorrow.

Lyle watches a birdie putt miss its target during the Masters last year

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Doncaster Panthers 70 Sheffield Sharks 81, Leopards 77 London Towers 84, Birmingham Bullets 123 Sunderland Scorpions 79, Chester Jets 102 Manchester Giants 116. *Sheffield are champions*

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield	36	29	7	2842	2444	58
Thames Valley	35	28	8	3348	2975	56
London	36	28	8	3215	2842	56
Manchester	36	26	10	3200	2917	52
Doncaster	35	25	11	3198	3005	50
Leopards	35	22	13	3184	2940	46
Worthing	36	20	16	3211	3110	40
Birmingham	36	18	18	3117	2973	36
Derby	36	10	26	2986	3209	20
Hemel	36	9	27	2313	3441	18
Leicester	36	8	28	2721	2993	16
Chester	36	6	30	2948	3263	12
Sunderland	36	4	32	2830	3670	8

PLAY-OFF QUARTER-FINALS: First-leg matches: April 7: Birmingham v Sheffield April 8: Worthing v Thames Valley April 9: Doncaster v Manchester, Leopards v London. Second-leg matches: April 9: Sheffield v Birmingham April 12: Thames Valley v Worthing, London v Leopards, Manchester v Doncaster. Third-leg matches: April 15, Manchester v Doncaster, Thames Valley v Worthing April 16: Sheffield v Birmingham April 20: London v Leopards. Third-leg matches to be played only to settle tie

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Detroit 110 Washington 105, New Jersey 85 New York 94; San Antonio 109 Phoenix 106, Boston 94 Dallas 87, Indiana 104 Portland 93, Seattle 105 Atlanta 83, Miami 92 Charlotte 105, Cleveland 101 Denver 104, LA Lakers 119 Orlando 112

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: Indoor national championships: Triples: First round: Bodmin (S Lane) bt Old Mill Leisure (D Colbourne) 16-3, Tilbury (G Pereira) bt Desborough (C Richards) 20-16, Darlington (P Edwards) bt Perdiswell (P Turner) 21-11, City of Ely (G Harlow) bt Cambridge Park (G Little) 21-11, Stanley (J Leeman) bt Cumbria (J Bell) 21-16, Sudbury (P Knights) bt Isle of Wight (M Sellick) 28-17, Cyphers (G Smith) bt Preston of Brighton (R Moses) 16-15, North Walsham (I Wones) bt Teignbridge (J Wickham) 22-10, Erewash (T Doig) bt Boston (L Fearey) 26-9, Banister Park (S Rice) bt Hatfield (K Lockyear) 15-12, Wey Valley (P Vamvacopoulos) bt Dorchester (A Tidby) 14-12, Swindon Westlecot (T Stevenson) bt Selby (J Phillips) 14-12, Wymondham (I Danes) bt Leicester (N Burns) 16-7, Canterton (M Wickson) bt British Cellophane (D Fowkes) 17-14, Erdington Court (S Thomas) bt Margate (J Beale) 20-3, Barking (N Smith) bt Bradley (E Hanger) 25-15. Fours: Semi-finals: White Knights 20 Leicester 12; Ipswich 23 Cambridge Park 12

CRICKET

First Test match

West Indies v Australia

BARBADOS: *Third day of five: Australia beat the West Indies by ten wickets*

WEST INDIES: First Innings 195 (B C Lara 65, C L Hooper 60; B P Julian 4 for 36).

Second Innings

S C Williams c Healy b McGrath	10
S L Campbell c S R Waugh b Warne	6
B C Lara c Healy b McGrath	9
C L Hooper c Reiffel b Julian	[illegible]
*R B Richardson b Reiffel	[illegible]
J C Adams not out	[illegible]
†J R Murray c S R Waugh b Warne	[illegible]
W K M Benjamin lbw b McGrath	[illegible]
C E L Ambrose c Blewett b McGrath	6
C A Walsh b McGrath	4
K C G Benjamin b Warne	[illegible]
Extras (b 1, nb 2)	3
Total	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-25, [illegible] 5-91, 6-135, 7-170, 8-176, 9-180

BOWLING: Reiffel 11-6-15-1; Julian 12-2-41-1; Warne 26.3-5-64-3; McGrath [illegible] 68-5

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 346 (I A Healy 74 not out, S R Waugh 65, M A Taylor 55)

Second Innings

*M A Taylor not out	[illegible]
M J Slater not out	[illegible]
Extras (nb 2)	[illegible]
Total (no wkt)	39

BOWLING: Walsh [illegible]; K C G Benjamin [illegible]; Hooper [illegible]

Man of the match: G D McGrath (Australia).

Umpires: L Barker (West Indies) and S Venkataraghavan (India). TV replay umpire: F Moore (West Indies).

FOOTBALL

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro state championship: Botafogo 1 Fluminense 2; Flamengo 3 America 1; Volta Redonda 1 Entrerriense 0. São Paulo championship: America 1 Uniao São João 1; Bragantino 2 São Paulo 2; Corinthians 2 Palmeiras 1; Juventus 1 XV de Piracicaba 0; Ponte Preta 1 Guarani 2; Portuguesa 2 Novorizontino 2; Rio Branco 0 Ferroviaria 0.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Boca 2 Huracan 1; Talleres 2 Racing 2, Velez 1 Platense 1, Rosario Central 2 Mandiyu 3; Arg Juniors 1 Banfield 4, Independiente 1 River 4; Gimnasia La Plata 3 Newell's Old Boys 1, Ferro 2 Gimnasia de Jujuy 2, San Lorenzo 1 Belgrano 0

GOLF

NEW ORLEANS: Freeport-McMoRan Classic: Final scores (US unless stated) 274: M Heinen 66, 71, 71, 66; D Love III 69, 69, 65, 71. Love won play-off at second extra hole. 275: D Duval 67, 68, 71, 69. 276: C Parry (Aus) 71, 69, 66, 70. 277: J Maggert 72, 66, 70, 69; D Peoples 70, 69, 66, 72; M Standly 70, 65, 69, 73. 278: S Simpson 68, 70, 71, 69; B Bryant 65, 74, 69, 70; M Wiebe 70, 68, 66, 74. 279: D Briggs 69, 71, 73, 66; K Triplett 66, 73, 71, 69; B Claar 68, 70, 71, 70; L Clements 69, 68, 70, 72. 280: T Fils 71, 71, 70, 68; J Ozaki (Japan) 73, 70, 67, 70; W Austin 68, 71, 70, 71; F Couples 73, 68, 68, 71; B Mayfair 67, 71, 70, 72; J Parnevik (Swe) 71, 67, 70, 72; G Kraft 70, 71, 67, 72; M Bradley 68, 71, 67, 74. 281: S Lowery 75, 68, 72, 66; S Verplank 70, 67, 70, 74; J Adams 69, 69, 71, 72. 282: G Waite (NZ) 68, 72, 72, 70; O Uresti 70, 66, 74, 72; M Reid 68, 69, 73, 72; D Barr (Can) 67, 68, 74, 73; P Jordan 72, 67, 75, 68. 283: A Lyle (Scot) 69, 72, 71, 71. 284: I Woosnam (Wales) 70, 69, 71, 74

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: The Tradition Seniors Tournament: Final round (US unless stated): 276: J Nicklaus 69, 71, 69, 67; I Aoki (Japan) 71, 66, 72, 67. Nicklaus won play-off at third extra hole. 277: [illegible] 67, 74, 69, 67. 280: J Colbert [illegible]. Other scores: 282: R Floyd [illegible] 69. 284: B Charles (NZ) 69, 76, 70, 69. 285: G Marsh (Aus) 72, 69, 72, 72. G Player (SA) 69, 70, 72, 74. 286: L Trevino 70, [illegible]. 297: A Palmer 71, 74, 71, 71. 297: [illegible] 77, 74, 72, 74

HOCKEY

BISHAM ABBEY: Women's quadrangular tournament: Scotland Under-21 0 South Africa Under-21 3; England (seniors) 3 England Under-21 1

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands: [illegible] 1 Shropshire 0; Derbys 1 Staffs 4; Northants 2 Worcs 0; Warwicks 2 Lincs 2; Worcs 1 Staffs 5; Northants 1 Shropshire 0

CLUB MATCH: Blueharts 3 Old Loughtonians 1

WELSH CUP: Quarter-finals: BSC 0 Cardiff Athletic 2; Ardudwy 1 Llanelli 1 (Ardudwy win 2-1 on pens); Newtown 2 Haverfordwest 1; Swansea 3 Penarth 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Quebec 7 Ottawa 5; Chicago 1 Dallas 2; Detroit 3 St Louis 2; Philadelphia 4 NY Rangers 2; Tampa Bay 1 Florida 4; Washington 2 Boston 1; Anaheim 5 San Jose 4

BRITISH LEAGUE: Championship play-offs. Group A: Humberside 5 Sheffield 7; Nottingham 11 Fife 3. Group B: Durham 4 Cardiff 4, Edinburgh 9 Basingstoke 3. Promotion/relegation play-offs. Group A: Paisley 9 Slough 7; Peterborough 1 Bracknell 4. Group B: Telford 9 Swindon 1; Whitley Bay 15 Milton Keynes 5.

MOTOR SPORT

PHOENIX, Arizona: Phoenix 200 mile IndyCar race: 1, R Gordon (US, Reynard Ford) 200 laps 133.980mph, 2, M Andretti (US, Lola Ford) 200; 3, E Fittipaldi (Br, Penske Mercedes-Benz) 200; 4, P Tracy (Can, Lola Ford) 200; 5, J Villeneuve (Can, Reynard Ford) 200.

RUGBY UNION

FRENCH CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Colomiers 60 Racing Club 20; Perpignan 48 Begles-Bordeaux 19. Pool two: Nîmes 7 Toulon 32; Brive 27 Toulouse 27. Pool three: Dax 29 Rumilly 15; Castres 39 Montpellier 3. Pool four: Narbonne 32 Agen 13; Grenoble 12 Bourgoin 22. Quarter-finalists: Perpignan, Bègles-Bordeaux, Toulouse, Toulon, Dax, Castres, Bourgoin, Agen.

SKIING

TIGNES, France: British national championships: Junior slalom: Boys: 1, T Fawke (Reading) 1min 33.00sec; 2, M Ptacek (Falkirk) 1:34.10; 3, P Hamett (Ontario) 1:34.55. Girls: 1, S Robertson (Aberdeen) 1:27.61; 2, S Ormond (Grand Bornand) 1:29.40; 3, J Rawlings (Folkestone) 1:36.72. Junior giant slalom: Boys: 1, O Hall (Kent Special Norway) 1min 56.96sec; 2, J McIntosh-Brown (London) 1:57.23; 3, M Reilly (Perth) 1:57.50. Girls: 1, S Robertson (Aberdeen) 1:58.81; 2, S Ormond (Grand Bornand/Gaa) 1:59.15; 3, T Pine (Aberdeen) 1:59.16

SNOOKER

PLYMOUTH: British open championship (Eng unless stated): First round: K Broughton bt D McIntyre (Wales) 5-1, T Knowles bt N Dyson 5-2, P Ebdon bt D Finbow 5-1, K Doherty (Ire) bt J Prince (N Ire) 5-0, R O'Sullivan bt S Newbury (Wales) 5-1, M Hallett bt I Graham (Eng) 5-3, J Ferguson bt T Chappel (Wales) 5-2, N Bond bt M Williams (Wales) 5-2, P Francisco (SA) bt M Bennett (Wales) 5-4

SWIMMING

CRYSTAL PALACE: Junior international: Boys: Freestyle: 200m: 1, S Pohl (Ger) 1min 51.75sec; 2, M Rosolino (It) 1:52.59; 6, D Coombs (GB) 1:57.35; 8, M How (GB) 1:57.68. 1,500m: 1, T Lohfink (Ger) 15:36.77; 2, E Brembilla (It) 15:52.17; 3, P V D Hoogenband (Hol) 16:00.04; 6, T Archer (GB) 16:28.13; 9, S Reasons (GB) 16:54.69; 12, T Patel (GB) 17:29.91. Backstroke: 100m: S Theloke (Ger) 57.41sec; 2, D Ortega (Sp) 58.74, 3, M Ohlin (Swe) 58.85; 9, K Tyler (GB) 61.69; 10, R Bird (GB) 61.86. Breaststroke: 200m: 1, M Parati (It) 2min 22.33sec; 2, S Aznar (Sp) 2:23.24; 3, F Formaris (It) 2:23.69; 6, D Mew (GB) 2:26.21; 9, I Edmond (GB) (78) 2:27.65; 12, P Sloar (GB) 2:32.37. Butterfly: 200m: 1, A Burgos (Sp) 2:07.93; 2, Coombs 2:08.68; 3, A Boeck (Ger) 2:09.15; 5, P Stout (GB) 2:10.36. 4 x 100m freestyle relay: 1, Germany 3:29.38; 2, Italy 3:31.49; 3, Sweden 3:33.49; 4, Great Britain 3:34.84. 4 x 100m medley relay: 1, Germany 3:51.36; 2, Italy 3:56.07; 3, Spain 3:58.37. Great Britain disq. Girls: Freestyle: 200m: 1, J Gotz (Ger) 2:05.38; 2, D Hinzmann (Ger) 2:07.22; 3, N Cabrenzo (Sp) 2:08.49; 5, L Cooper (GB) 2:09.31; 7, J Craig (GB) 2:10.60. 400m: 1, Gotz 4:22.93; 2, K Hollenhauer (Ger) 4:27.92; 3, T Davies (GB) 4:28.37; 4, L Graham (GB) 4:29.53. 800m: 1, Gotz 8:58.31; 2, Graham 9:12.57; 6, M Pedder (GB) 9:21.29. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, M Costa (Sp) 1:12.84; 2, E Igelstrom (Swe) 1:13.00; 3, K Dumitru (Ger) 1:13.16; 4, H Earp (GB) 1:13.58; 8, N Revely (GB) 1:16.70. 200m: F Biscia (It) 2:36.42; 2, Costa 2:37.05; 3, Igelstrom 2:37.83; 4, H Earp (GB) 2:38.56; 9, N Revely (GB) 2:46.68. Butterfly: 100m: 1, M Uhle (Ger) 1:03.84; 2, F Bugamelli (It) 1:03.89; 3, F Banterle (It) 1:04.49; 6, Pedder 1:06.40; 7, S Flook (GB) 1:06.60. Individual medley: 200m: 1, F Bissoli (It) 2:21.51; 2, L Roca (Sp) 2:25.85; 3, M Stahlnstrom (Swe) 2:25.87; 7, T Davies (GB) 2:26.68; 8, T Evanson (GB) 2:26.74. 4 x 100m medley relay: 1, Germany 4:22.95; 2, Sweden 4:23.92; 3, Spain 4:24.25; 5, Great Britain 4:26.97. Final positions: Boys: 1, Germany 123pts; 2, Italy 102; 3, Spain 83; 4, Sweden 68; 5, France 56; 6, Great Britain 50. Girls: 1, Germany 124; 2, Spain 93; 3, Italy 88; 4, Great Britain 82. Overall: 1, Germany 247; 2, Italy 190; 3, Spain 176; 4, Sweden 136; 5, Great Britain 132.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: Euro-African Zone: Group one: First round: Morocco 4 Romania 1. Asia-Oceania Zone: Group two: Play-offs: Iran 4 Qatar 1. American Zone: Group one: Second round: Venezuela 2 Argentina 2; Mexico 3 Brazil 1. Play-offs: Chile 5 Uruguay 0; Peru 2 Bahamas 3. Group two: Second round: Canada 5 Colombia 0; Ecuador 5 Guatemala 0; Haiti 2 Paraguay 3. Play-offs: Cuba 5 Bolivia 0.

HILTON HEAD, South Carolina: Women's tournament: Final: C Martinez (Sp) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6-1, 6-1.

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO, California: America's Cup: Semi-finals: Citizen Cup (defender series): Stars & Stripes bt America³ by 4min 48sec. Positions: 1, Young America 9pts; equal 2, America³ and Stars & Stripes 3pts. Louis Vuitton Cup (challenger series): Final positions: 1, Team New Zealand 9; 2, oneAustralia 7; 3, Tag Heuer Challenge 6; 4, Nippon '95 0

POOLS FORECAST

Vernons Pools has followed Littlewoods and Zetters in abolishing the high-score draw, which was valued at 2½ points. From Saturday, all score draws will be worth three points, no-score draws and void matches two points, and homes and aways one point

Saturday April 8 unless stated

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA CUP SEMI-FINALS

Not on coupons: Crystal Palace v Manchester United (at Villa Park, Sunday); Everton v Tottenham (at Elland Road, Sunday)

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Newcastle v Norwich 1
2 Nottm F v West Ham 1
3 QPR v Arsenal 1

Not on coupons: Liverpool v Leeds (Sunday), Sheffield Wednesday v Leicester, Wimbledon v Chelsea (Mon)

FIRST DIVISION

4 Bolton v West Brom 1
5 Bristol C v Tranmere 2
6 Derby v Sunderland 1
7 Grimsby v Reading 2
8 Luton v Notts Co 1
9 Middlesbro v Stoke 1
10 Millwall v Charlton X
11 Port Vale v Watford 2
12 Portsmouth v Sheff Utd 1
13 Southend v Burnley 1
14 Swindon v Oldham X

Not on coupons: Wolves v Barnsley

SECOND DIVISION

15 Bournemouth v Wycombe 1
16 Bradford v Stockport X
17 Brighton v Hull 1
18 Cambridge v Peterboro 2
19 Cardiff v Rotherham 1
20 Chester v Bristol R 2
21 Huddersfield v Swansea X
22 Leyton O v Crewe 2
23 Oxford v Brentford 1
24 Plymouth v Shrewsbury X
25 Wrexham v York 1

THIRD DIVISION

26 Barnet v Mansfield 1
27 Carlisle v Gillingham 1
28 Doncaster v Walsall 2
29 Fulham v Hartlepool 1
30 Hereford v Colchester 2
31 Lincoln v Chesterfield X
32 Northampton v Darlington 1
33 Rochdale v Scunthorpe 2
34 Scarboro v Preston X
35 Torquay v Bury X
36 Wigan v Exeter 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

37 Dagenham v Northwich 1
38 Halifax v Stalybridge 1
39 Southport v Yeovil 1

UNIBOND LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

40 Horwich v Matlock X
41 Spennymoor v Boston 2
42 Winsford v Morecambe 2
43 Witton v Guiseley X

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS

Not on coupons: Airdrie v Hearts (at Hampden Park); Hibernian v Celtic (at Ibrox, Friday)

SCOTTISH PREMIER

44 Falkirk v Dundee U 1
45 Motherwell v Partick 1

Not on coupons: Rangers v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST

46 Dundee v Ayr 1
47 Hamilton v St Johnstone 1
48 Raith v St Mirren 1
49 Stranraer v Dunfermline 2

SCOTTISH SECOND

50 Berwick v Stenhsmuir 1
51 Brechin v Q of South X
52 Clyde v Dumbarton 2
53 G Morton v East Fife 1
54 Stirling v Meadowbank 1

SCOTTISH THIRD

55 Arbroath v Ross X
56 Caledonian v Alloa 2
57 Cowdenbeath v Albion 1
58 Forfar v E Stirling 1

Not on coupons: Queen's Park v Montrose

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Millwall, Swindon, Bradford, Huddersfield, Plymouth, Lincoln, Scarborough, Torquay, Horwich, Witton, Brechin, Arbroath.

BEST DRAWS: Millwall, Swindon, Plymouth, Scarborough, Brechin.

AWAYS: Tranmere, Reading, Peterborough, Bristol Rovers, Walsall.

HOMES: Newcastle, Nottingham Forest, Bolton, Luton, Southend, Oxford, Wrexham, Fulham, Northampton, Wigan, Hamilton, Berwick.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Newcastle, Nottingham Forest, Southend, Wrexham, Northampton. Aways: Tranmere, Reading, Peterborough, Bristol Rovers, Walsall. Draws: Millwall, Swindon, Scarborough.

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

FA Carling Premiership

Crystal Palace v Aston Villa (7.45)
QPR v Blackburn (7.45)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Burnley v Charlton
Luton v Wolverhampton (7.45)
Stoke v Watford (7.45)

Second division

* Blackpool v Birmingham
Cardiff v Leyton Orient
Oxford Utd v Wrexham (7.45)
Peterborough v Swansea (7.45)
Plymouth v Bristol Rovers (7.45)
Wycombe v Bradford (7.45)
York v Hull (7.45)

Third division

Barnet v Lincoln (7.45)
Carlisle v Chesterfield (7.45)
Exeter v Walsall (7.45)
Gillingham v Bury (7.45)
Wigan v Scunthorpe

Vauxhall Conference

Bromsgrove v Merthyr (7.45)
Dag and Red v Welling (7.45)
Gateshead v Macclesfield (8.0)
Northwich v Runcorn (7.45)
Telford v Dover (7.45)
Woking v Farnborough (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League

Premier division

Partick v Hearts

First division

Clydebank v Raith

Third division

Forfar v Montrose

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Frickley v Bishop Auckland, Knowsley v Colwyn Bay. First division: Fleetwood v Curzon Ashton, Goole Town v Worksop Town, Harrogate Town v Workington, Lancaster v Warrington, Mossley v Eastwood Town. President's Cup: Semi-final, second leg: [illegible]

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Kingstonian (7.45), Dulwich v [illegible] (7.45), Grays v Enfield, Hendon v Slough, Marlow v Hitchin (7.45), St Albans v Yeading. First division: Abingdon Town v Bognor Regis, Aldershot Town v Boreham Wood, Dorking v Berkhamsted, Newbury v Whyteleafe, [illegible] v Maidenhead. Second division: Aveley v Malden Vale, Barton v [illegible], Hungerford v Banstead, Leatherhead v Hemel Hempstead, Tilbury v Brackley? Third division: Bedford Town v Hertford, Camberley v Cove, Epsom and Ewell v [illegible], Lewes v Kingsbury. Carlsberg Trophy: Semi-final replay: Southall v Metropolitan Police

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City v [illegible], Barry v Aberystwyth, Connah's Quay v [illegible], Ebbw Vale v Maesteg Park.

SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Highgate v Studley BKL, Kings Heath v Stratford? Rovers, Upton v Sherwood Celtic

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Eton Wick, Bedfont v Viking Sports, Godalming and Guildford v Ash, Netherne v Cranleigh.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gravesend and Northfleet v Chelmsford, Halesowen v Dorchester (7.45); Leek v Atherstone. Southern division: Ashford v Baldock, Braintree v Bury Town, Erith and Belvedere v Tonbridge AFC, Waterlooville v Poole; Witney v Margate. Midland division: Armitage v Bedworth, Bilston v Redditch, Bridgnorth v Moor Green, Forest Green v Sutton Coldfield, RC Warwick v Hinckley Town.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfont v Waltham Abbey; Hanwell v Brook House.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Harpenden v Royston, Hoddesdon v Biggleswade, Langford v Wingate and Finchley, Milton Keynes v Brache Sparta, Shillington v Arlesey Town

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Pershore v Stratford, Rocester v Paget; West Midlands Police v Willenhall

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street v Bedlington Terriers, Dunston FB v Whitby, RTM Newcastle v Consett

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup v Prescot, Blackpool Rovers v Maine Road; Chadderton v Trafford, Penrith v Rossendale, Salford v Bootle. Lamot Pils Trophy: Final: Flixton v Formby

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Ryde Sports v Brockenhurst, Swanage and Herston v Thatcham.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard v Wroxham; Hadleigh U v Soham; March v Wisbech; Stowmarket v Felixstowe; Tiptree v Halstead; Watton v Great Yarmouth

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division. Three Bridges v Shoreham.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Desborough v Bourne; Long Buckby v Cogenhoe, Northampton Spencer v Eynesbury; Spalding v Stamford.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Chippenham.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian v Deal; Faversham v Thamesmead; Herne Bay v Greenwich; Kent Police v Folkestone Invicta; Ramsgate v Beckenham.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Millwall (at Plough Lane Wimbledon, 2.0)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Coventry v Tranmere, Notts County v Liverpool; Sheffield Utd v Manchester Utd (at Chesterfield FC)

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0 unless stated

Heineken League

Second division

Aberavon v South Wales Police

CLUB MATCHES: Maesteg v Treorchy (7.15); Pontypool United v Cross Keys.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Leeds v Oldham (7.30)

Second division

Dewsbury v Ryedale York (7.30)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

ONIOMANIA

(b) An irresistible urge to buy things, the modern mass craze for shopping. From the Greek *oneisthai* to buy. The condition is generally found in association with penury. Where it is not, it soon will be, since oniomaniacs tend to marry each other.

CADUCEUS

(a) This is the rod entwined with snakes traditionally carried by Hermes, alias Mercury, god of healing, cunning, Horace, psychopompery, thievery and many other trades and professions. The caduceus was regarded until recently as the symbol of commerce, but has now been adopted as the symbol of the medical profession. Hermes's caduceus enabled him to fly and to lull to sleep the souls of the dead before carrying them to the underworld.

ENCHIRIDON

(c) A handbook or notebook, from the Greek for "a useful something that can be held in the hand". "I do so admire your new BMW, Justin. But I should pay close attention to the enchiridon, if I were you."

MOUNSTER

(a) An obsolete spelling and pronouncing variant of *monster*. "I am so pleased that young Morag is learning to ride a horse now. Look at them both now galloping around the paddock. What a pair they make — mount and mounster."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Ng3+! 2. fxg3 Qf6+; 3. Qf2 (3. Kg1 Rxe1+) 3. . . . Rxe1+; 4. Kxe1 Qxf2+; 5. Kxf2 c2 and the pawn will promote.

A city's heart beats again

Shimmying Down Bold Street. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

I associate the actress Margi Clarke with sex-orientated programmes and I am happy to learn that she has other strings to her bow. She is a more than competent reporter. Until it fell on hard times, Bold Street in Liverpool was the city's Bond Street. Now it beats again, as Liverpool's bohemian heart — a place, somebody says this morning, where people's destinies unfurl. The unfurling takes place in such establishments as a left-leaning bookshop, a store where nothing costs more than 50p, and a warehouse which has been re-colonised by sculptors, painters and pop musicians. Liverpool-born Clarke is on Christian name terms with everybody she meets in Bold Street. I enjoyed this reunion of kindred spirits.

Spotlight on Jessie Matthews. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

This is another of the showbusiness biographies that Michael Alexander does so well. He is not one of your scissors-and-paste merchants, and he knows when to stop talking and play the music. There are many Matthews songs in the archives, some from her stage shows and others from her films, and Alexander plays a generous selection of them tonight. Strangely, all we hear of *Mrs Dale's Diary*, in which she starred for six years on BBC Radio, is the serial's harp music. This being radio, we have to take on trust an important element of Matthews's work which an American critic encapsulated in his tribute to her as "a dancing divinity".

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** music and entertainment news in The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Bruce Dickinson Rock Show **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Fiona Armstrong **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The Queen of Romance (2/6) (r) **9.00** Spotlight on . . . Jessie Matthews: See Choice **10.00** Explorer 2: Science questions answered **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, including at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, including at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.30** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** The Tuesday Match **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Meah, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **12.00** News **12.05am** Topical Report **12.15** John Dunn **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** Folk **1.45** Britain **2.00** News **2.15** Soul **2.45** Health **3.00** News **3.30** Let's Do The Show Right Here **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** John Peel **5.00** News **5.30** Europe (MW only: Off the Shelf **5.45** On Screen) **6.00** News **6.30** What's News? (MW only: Europe) **6.45** On the Move (MW only: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Soul **8.00** News **8.15** Health **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Emblems **9.00** News (MW only: News in German) **9.10** Faith (MW only: News in German) **9.15** Concert **10.00** News **10.15** Masterbrain **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Drama **1.00** News (MW only: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** United Nations **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Development '95 (MW only: News in German) **4.45** Health (MW only: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Concert **6.00** Business **6.15** What's News? **6.30** World Today (MW only: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW only: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Let's Do The Show Right Here **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Country Style

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.55am Open University: Maths — Solving Inequalities **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air: Handel (Overture; Ottone); Saint-Saëns (Africa, Fantasy for piano and orchestra); Baermann (Clarinet Quintet in E flat, Op 23); **8.05** Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Wasps); Purcell (A selection of songs); Strauss (Cello Sonata in F)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn in England. Susan Sharpe presents Sinfonia Concertante in B flat; Madrigal, The Storm, and Symphony No 94 in G (Surprise) (r)

10.00 Musical Encounters: Mozart (Duet for two horns); Bach (Duet in F); Berlioz (Tristia, part two); Handel (Suite No 4 in E minor); **11.05** Elgar (The Music Makers); Michael Haydn (Duo No 1 in C)

12.00 Music Restored: Utrecht '94. Andrew Manze introduces the first of six concerts recorded at last year's Holland Festival of Early Music in Utrecht (r)

1.00pm News; The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Horia Andreescu; Inger Dam-Jensen, soprano. Beethoven (Overture, The Consecration of the House); Mozart (Exsultate Jubilate; Misera, dove son!); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 5 in E minor)

2.25 Pax Musica: Simon Joly conducts the BBC Singers in a tribute to the composer and craftsmanThomas Pitfield, who celebrates his 92nd birthday tomorrow. With Catherine Edwards, piano

3.00 Music in the Theatre of the Air: Music played on the radio in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. Including works by Rawsthorne, Walton, Gerhard, Lennox Berkeley and Tippett

5.00 The Music Machine: Lord Onslow on the mysteries of youth music. This week he examines swingbeat and interviews *Take That* producer Steve Jervier and singer Mark Morrison

5.25 Live from Covent Garden: The Orchestra of the Royal Opera House under Bernard Haitink performs Act 1 of *Siegfried*, the third instalment of Wagner's *Ring* cycle for the 1990s, directed by Richard Jones. With Siegfried Jerusalem in the title role, Anne Evans as Brunnhilde and John Tomlinson as The Wanderer; **6.50** The Forging of the Ring: Piers Burton-Page on the bringing to life of the adventures of Siegfried; **7.30** Act 2; **8.45** David Huckvale talks about Wagner piano reductions; **9.15** Act 3

10.40 Stories by Bruno Schulz: *Mr Charles and Dodo*, the second of four readings from the works of the Polish writer

11.00 Night Waves: Patrick Wright meets Emanuel Litvinoff, the novelist, poet and campaigner, in London's East End

11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Matthias Bamert; Christian Blackshaw, piano. Beethoven, arr Stokowski (Piano Sonata in C sharp minor, Op 27 No 2, Moonlight); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor); Sibelius (En Saga)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444

10.00 News; Shimmying Down Bold Street (FM only): See Choice

10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 A Spiritual Anthology (LW only): Be Grateful for Life as You Live It. Read by Alphonsia Emmanuel and Don Warrington

10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets the playwright Anne Devlin

11.30 Medicine Now

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Word of Mouth: Frank Delaney visits Glasgow; and could English all over the world be bad for our health? **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Goodbye Simple Girl, by Eric Pringle. Ronald Pickup as a musician who returns to the Northumberland farm where he grew up

2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes: Richard Baker assesses the career of the soprano Dame Isobel Baillie

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott talks to Julian Barnes as he publishes a collection of his magazine writings; and a review of Nick Hornby's first novel, *High Fidelity*

4.45 Short Story: The Fall, by Maggie Mountford. Read by Rosemary Martin

5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The Board Game

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4: Jenny Cuffe reports

8.00 Science Now: Peter Evans reports on the annual conference of the British Psychological Society (r)

8.30 New Spies for Old? Open Secrets. The roles of intelligence and security services in the 1990s. In the fifth of six programmes, Christopher Andrew looks at the implications of putting MI5 and MI6 on a proper legal basis and holding the agencies to democratic account.

9.00 In Touch: For people with a visual handicap

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Mr Olim, by Ernest Raymond. Read by Ian Holm (2/10) (r)

11.00 Mediumwave: Joanna Coles explores the week's events in the media (r)

11.30 Four Corners (FM only): Andy Kershaw explores the identity of places through unexpected musical paths (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198Khz (12.45am-5.55am). CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey

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The undeclared war waged in the womb

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Honestly, I've got nothing against parents. Some of my best friends are parents. It's the sudden transformation process I have a bit of difficulty with. One minute they're party-going, pub-crawling, wise-cracking chums; nine months later they're holding forth about the shortage of changing tables and the length of nursery school waiting lists. And in public, too.

Curious to understand why, I turned for some enlightenment to last night's **Horizon** (BBC 2). After sitting through 50 minutes of hormonal horror, I can only say it's amazing the parents turn out so well. *Foetal Attraction* was the rather overworked pun the producers gave their video-nasty as a title. *Natural Born Killers* would have been closer to the mark. Anyone who thinks they're in for nine months of blissful fulfilment can forget it. We're talking war.

Given that parent and offspring appear locked in conflict from day one, it did seem a little surprising that it has taken until now for someone to suggest that the battles start not at birth, but at fertilisation. But now someone has, in the shape of David Haig, a balding, bearded Australian biologist with a slightly annoying habit of grinning while he explains his new evolutionary theories to you.

What these boil down to is the recognition that pregnancy is not the sweet symbiosis of modern myth, but a desperate struggle for control between mother and foetus, each blasting the other with an armoury of hormones and natural killer cells. This was serious science, as you could tell from the number of explanations.

First Haig would explain a specific point to camera. Then he would explain it again to an understandably anxious looking mother-to-be at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in London. Finally, someone else would explain it to us, using, for reasons that were never quite clear, a chessboard. Morning sickness, gestational diabetes and something ghastly called pre-eclampsia could all be explained, according to Haig, by the uterine battle royal raging between mother and foetus. And explained they were — three times each.

Such conflict would have to be somebody's fault and the fathers among you may not have required too many guesses to work out who. The problem is that from the selfish point of view of the father's genes, pregnancy is a one-off opportunity to survive. They therefore like their progeny to be big, beefy and bonny. The maternal genes, by contrast, get the chance to survive with each pregnancy and therefore favour a baby strategy that could be best described as little and often.

While it was good to see *Horizon* tackling such complex science again, it did so with a certain ring-rustiness. Still, nothing that a few scientific sparring sessions can't put right.

One of the great mysteries of life having been addressed, it was time to turn to another. No, not what John Major is doing in Downing Street (*Panorama*), but how it can cost £48.50 to go from Victoria Station in London to the Kensington Hilton, a distance of some two miles. The answer lies with the unlicensed taxis that illegally tout for business at our airports and railway stations.

To give its investigation a little edge, **Undercover Britain** (Channel 4) invited Sue Hutchinson, a formidable woman who runs a south London and definitely kosher mini-cab firm, to conduct it. This she did with considerable enthusiasm and courage, employing an American accent of doubtful authenticity and my least favourite investigative device, the camera concealed in a suitcase. Always leaves me feeling so giddy.

The infiltration of the station touts she left to her researcher, Patrick, who she said was disguised as a drifter but looked just like a Channel 4 researcher to me. Nevertheless, he passed muster and was soon unhappily rubbing shoulders with the likes of Doughnut and Rabbit, men whose sole purpose in life is to relieve unsuspecting travellers of unbelievable amounts of money. "Can you 'bush people?" asked Doughnut: "take all their money off them? Don't work for me if you can't." Patrick thought he could — in the interests of research, of course.

If it wasn't so awful, what they exposed would have been quite funny. Like the driver who confidently announced: "You are now in south London," as he drove yet another curious American accent up Park Lane. Or the driver who, when confronted with the evidence at 5am, swore blind that it was his twin brother who had charged £19.50 to go from Victoria to a Regent Street hotel.

The programme was long on damning evidence, but short on solutions. Hutchinson, however, had definitely made her point.

Which is an awful lot more than can be said for **Deadline** (Channel 4). One behind the scenes look at Yorkshire Television's *Calendar* programme, I could just about understand, but six? This week's action-packed instalment featured Richard Whiteley standing in front of a blue screen for five minutes and one of Pontefract's unemployed angrily wondering why when she had gone to all the trouble of shouting over Michael Portillo's interview, the *Calendar* team had gone to all the trouble of editing her out. Still, if that didn't grab you there was always Jake Manglewurzle marrying his mud wrestler, not to mention the two young women learning to read the Autocue.

But undoubtedly the most instructive episode concerned the problems that Yorkshire women's passion for high heels presents for long-suffering sound men. "We'll just wait for the clippity-clop to pass," said one. Now there's a bit of good advice.

BBC1

6.00 **Business Breakfast** (67278)

7.00 **BBC Breakfast News** (31741297)

9.05 **Kilroy**. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (9139592)

10.00 **News**. (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1882100) 10.05 **EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (4938015)

10.35 **Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (s) (8159742)

12.00 **News** (Ceefax) and weather (8233365) 12.05 **Pebble Mill** with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (2163094) *12.55* **Regional News** and weather (69369568)

1.00 **One O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (48094) 1.30 **Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (86098926)

1.50 **Going for Gold** with the urbane Henry Kelly (s) (86092742)

2.15 **Perry Mason**. The legal eagle defends a man accused of *murdering his rock star wife. Starring* Raymond Burr (r). (Ceefax) (836384)

3.45 **Cartoon** (2082742) 3.50 **Monty**. A new series about the adventures of a chocolate biscuit loving dog (s) (1628810) 3.55 **Fievel's American Tails** (r) *(6226452)* 4.20 **Watt on Earth**. *Science-fiction* comedy thriller (r) (6102013) 4.35 **Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3395181) 5.00 **Newsround** (1132384)

5.05 CHOICE **The Lowdown**. A fly-on-the-wall documentary capturing the first moments of young people's advances to adulthood. (Ceefax) (s) (4123655)

5.35 **Neighbours** *(r)*. (Ceefax) (s) (566704)

6.00 **Six O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (87)

6.30 **Regional news magazines** (839)

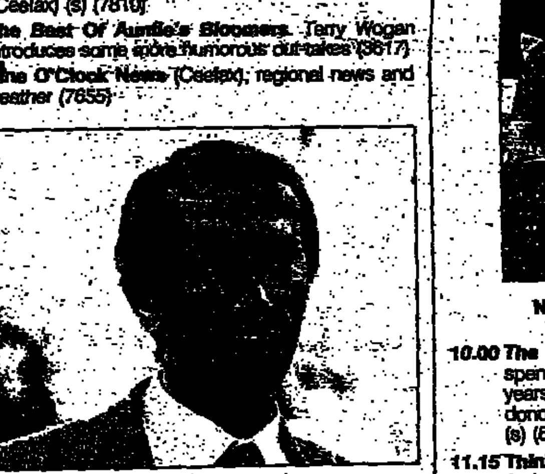
7.00 **Holiday**. *Reports from the Venezuelan outback*, New York, Dubai and Kinsale. Last in the series. (Ceefax) (s) (8162)

7.30 **EastEnders**. Sharon plays some surprise visits while Ricky tries to find a job for Bianca. (Ceefax) (s) (723)

8.00 **A Question of Sport**. David Coleman, Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont are joined by Ally McCoist, Nellie Cooman, Richard Dunwoody and Graham Thorpe. (Ceefax) (s) (7810)

8.30 **The *Best Of Auntie's Bloomers***. Terry Wogan introduces some more humorous out-takes (3617)

9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** (Ceefax), regional news and *weather* (7655)



Psychologist Dr Juan Lagarda (9.30pm)

9.30 **QED: Sleeping It Off**. A documentary about an alternative cure for methadone addiction. (Ceefax) (s) (94636)

10.00 **Blackadder the Third**. *Blackadder* becomes involved in the French Revolution (r). (Ceefax) (66365)

10.30 CHOICE **Omnibus: Jean Renoir**. (Ceefax) (s) (37297)

11.30 **FILM: Real Genius** (1985) starring *Val Kilmer and* Gabe Jarret. A comedy about two young whizkids who are being exploited by the military. Directed by Martha Coolidge. (Ceefax) (s) (333549)

1.15am **Weather** (8306834)

BBC2

6.20 **Open University**

8.00 **BBC Breakfast News**. *(Ceefax and signing)* (7064094) 8.15 **Westminster On-Line with Sir Bernard Ingham** (7527365)

9.00 **Consuming Passions**. Pork Flemish (7217346)

9.05 **The Return**. The story of an Afghan family returning to their farm after years as refugees in Peshawar (1939574) 10.00 **Playdays** (r) (s) (6833641)

10.25 **FILM: The Picture Show Man** (1980) starring Rod *Taylor. The early days of the Australian film industry.* Directed by John Power (37109181)

12.00 **See Hear** (Ceefax and signing) (s) (63278)

12.30 **Working Lunch** *(24182)* 1.00 **Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams** (r) (s) (73809487)

1.15 **Pyramids of Peru**. The excavation of the Tucume area of northern Peru (7502365)

2.10 **Horizon: Foetal Attraction** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (58481758) *2.35* **From the Edge**. Current affairs magazine from a disabled viewpoint (7554181)

3.00 **News** (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** *(s) (1630810)*

3.50 **News** (Ceefax) and weather (2028549)

4.00 **Today's the Day**. Recent history quiz (452)

4.30 **Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (636)

5.00 **Esther**. Studio discussion (s) (6568)

5.30 **Catchword** with Paul Cola (s) (988)

6.00 **Fresh Prince of Bel Air** (s) (115146) 6.25 **Heartbreak High**. (Ceefax) (s) (226617)

7.10 **The Tick**. Animated adventures (673094)

7.30 **East**. Why are there no Asians among the country's *professional footballers?* (Ceefax) (s) (365)

8.00 **Animated 2**. A look at animator Clive Walley's work. (Ceefax) (s) (5452)

8.30 **Madhur Jaffrey's Flavours of India**. The cuisine of Tamil Nadu. (Ceefax) (s) (7487)

9.00 **Naked Video 33 1/3**. (Ceefax) (s) (5297)

9.30 **Cardiac Arrest** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (92278)

Nicky Singer and Mary Orsak (10.00pm)

10.00 **The Labours of Eve: Mary's Story**. Mary Orsak spent $17,000 on artificial insemination. Seven years later she found out that one of her sperm donors had died of an Aids-related illness. (Ceefax) (s) (64907) 10.30 **Newsnight**. (Ceefax) (642278)

11.15 **Thinker, Painter, Scholar, Spy**. *A profile of* Anthony Blunt (s) (513452) 11.55 **Weather** (962094) 12.00 **Modern Art**. Rodin (3719018)

12.25am **Computer Aided Design: Modelling and Analysis** (7207785)

1.20 **The Record**. The day in Parliament (s) (3145489). Ends at 1.50

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CHOICE

My Good Friend
ITV, 8.30pm

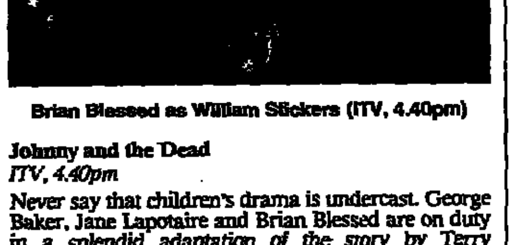
The latest offering from the prolific but uneven Bob Larbey, whose *As Time Goes By is currently on BBC1*, is a wry study of old age. Melancholy music and falling leaves establish the tone, reinforced by our first sight of widower Peter (George Cole) as he lays flowers on his wife's grave. Peter lives with his daughter and son-in-law. She finds him irksome when he is there and worries about him when he is not. He chums up *with another old codger (Richard Pearson) in a* relationship that seems likely to survive its tetchy start. *My Good Friend* is described as a comedy drama, but is not over-endowed with either laughs or incident. It is a benign, well-observed and rather sad piece, sustained by expert playing from its seasoned stars.

Omnibus: Jean Renoir
BBC1, 10.30pm (Scotland 11.15pm)

Originally scheduled for last year, when it would have caught the Renoir centenary, David Thompson's intelligent two-part profile is still better late than never. Although greatly admired by cinema buffs and by other film-makers, Renoir does not enjoy the popular reputation of his father, Auguste, the painter. Yet, as Peter Bogdanovich puts it, Jean Renoir made it possible to believe that the cinema could create something *as eternal as a Mozart symphony. Other* admirers, including Claude Chabrol, Bertrand Tavernier and Louis Malle, dissect Renoir's humanity and feel for cinema in a programme which concentrates on the great 1930s films such as *La Grande Illusion* and *La Règle du Jeu*.

Network First: Small Miracles
ITV, 10.40pm

Caroline Monkman is expecting twins but her babies *are in trouble. One is taking too much blood from the* placenta, the other not enough. Monkman is referred to Professor Kypros Nicolaides of King's College Hospital in London who has pioneered a laser surgery operation that could save the twins' lives. But there are risks and the professor is honest about them. The film follows this and other cases which call upon *Nicolaides's expertise, including a screening test for* Down's Syndrome and an unborn baby with fluid on both its lungs. If the programme tends to concentrate on his successes, it also mentions his failures. He admits that once he used to cry in front of his patients. He still finds it difficult to deal with bad news.



Brian Blessed as William Stickers (ITV, 4.40pm)

Johnny and the Dead
ITV, 4.40pm

Never say that children's drama is undercast. George Baker, Jane Lapotaire and Brian Blessed are on duty in a *splendid adaptation of the story by* Terry Pratchett, and they are joined by young Andrew Falvey, who is not yet a star but shows every sign of becoming one. Falvey plays Johnny, a schoolboy who enjoys walking through an old cemetery and has the curious gift, denied to his friends, of being able to talk to its occupants. Among those who rise out of their *graves to* have a chat with Johnny are a suffragette (Lapotaire), a Victorian worthy (Baker) and an old Communist (Blessed). *When plans emerge to dig up* the graves and build an office block, Johnny and his friends unite in protest.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am **GMTV** (2352966)

9.25 **Chain Letters** (2555452) 9.55 **London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3483920)

10.00 **The Time... the Place** (s) (4151839)

10.35 **This Morning** (76520346) 12.20pm **London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6239549)

12.30 **News** (Teletext) and weather (9126094) 12.55 **Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (9134013) 1.25 **Home and Away** (Teletext) (73695723)

1.55 **Vanessa**. *Vanessa Feltz talks to people whose* mothers won't let go. (Teletext) (s) (65704636) 2.25 **A Country Practice** (s) (58300839) 2.50 **Blue Heelers** (1315568)

3.20 **ITN News** headlines (4471471) 3.25 **London Today** *(Teletext) and weather (4470742)*

3.30 **The Magic House** (s) (8696839) 3.40 **Tots TV** (r) (s) (2019891) 3.50 **Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (2015075) 4.00 **Budgie the Little Helicopter** (s) (6184617) 4.15 **The Legends of Treasure Island** *(Teletext) (s) (7520907)*

4.40 CHOICE **Johnny and the Dead** (Teletext) (s) (7509471)

5.10 ***After 5 with Caron Keating*** *(Teletext)* (4117094)

5.40 **News** (Teletext) and weather (830926)

5.55 **Your Shout**. Members of the public air their views *(755742)*

6.00 **Home and Away** (r). (Teletext) (655)

6.30 **London Tonight** (Teletext) (907)

7.00 **Emmerdale**. (Teletext) (6758)

7.30 **Saint and Greavsie's World of Sport**. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves take a last look at sporting *moments from the early 1970s* (891)

8.00 **The Bill: Hair Trigger**. Deakin investigates a fatal shooting. (Teletext) (9278)

8.30 CHOICE ***My Good Friend*** *(Teletext) (s)* (1013)

Simon Shepherd and Heather Jones (9.00pm)

9.00 **Peak Practice: A Normal Life** starring Kevin Whately and Amanda Burton. A schoolgirl's erratic behaviour attracts Will's attention and sets him on a collision course with Beth. (Teletext) (s) (4487)

10.00 ***News at Ten*** *(Teletext) and weather (51433)*

10.30 **London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (390433)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Small Miracles**. *(Teletext) (301384)*

11.40 **Prisoner Cell Block H** (694891)

12.40 **FILM: The Haunted Palace** (1963) starring Vincent *Price and Lon Chaney Jr. A newcomer to a town in* New England discovers a portrait of an 18th-century witch which bears an uncanny resemblance to himself. Directed by Roger Corman (388308)

2.20 **The Little Picture Show** (4455105)

3.15 ***America's Top Ten*** *(s) (43837360)*

3.40 **Cinema, Cinema, Cinema** (r) (93026124)

4.10 **The Forum Presents** music from Sarah Vaughn (r) *(13961211)*

4.30 **Videofashion** visits New York designers (49489)

5.00 **Vanessa** (r). (Teletext) (s) (56679)

5.30 ***ITN Morning News*** *(91105)*. Ends at *6.00*

CHANNEL 4

6.35 **Spiff and Hercules** (7810891)

7.00 **The Big Breakfast** (38617)

9.00 **You Bet Your Life** (r) (s) (61810)

9.30 **FILM: Maytime** (1937, b/w) starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. A musical about an elderly woman recalling her romantic life in the court *of Louis Napoleon. With John Barrymore. Directed* by Robert Z. Leonard and William Van Wymetal *(76732704)* 11.55 **Matrix**. Computer animation by John Whitney (1913487)

12.00 **House To House**. Political magazine introduced by *Maya Even (58346)*

12.30 **Sesame Street**. The guests are Rik Moranis and Bill Irwin (27617) 1.30 **Dr Snuggles** (r) (s) (65890487)

1.55 **FILM: Three Cases of Murder** (1954, b/w). Orson *Welles, Alan Badel and John Gregson star in tales of* the macabre, mystery and suspense. Directed by George More O'Ferrall, David Eady and Wendy Toye (18746164)

3.50 **Book Bargain**. A 1937 short about the printing of *the London telephone directory (1611520)*

3.55 **Food File** (r). (Teletext) (s) (1052723)

4.30 **Fifteen-To-One**. (Teletext) (s) (704)

5.00 **The Oprah Winfrey Show**. A discussion on the rights and wrongs of risking physical injury, or worse, to help a stranger. (Teletext) (s) (9793931)

5.50 ***Terrytoons****. Classic cartoons (745365)*

6.00 **Babylon 5**. American science-fiction adventure series. (Teletext) (s) (712839)

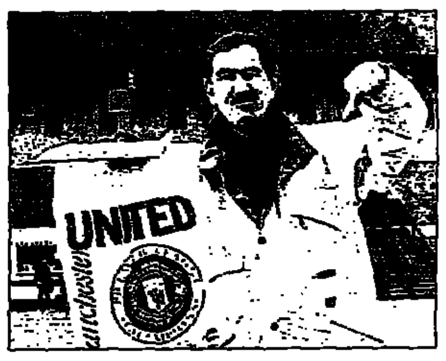
6.55 ***Terrytoons*** *featuring Deputy Dawg (336926)*

7.00 **Channel 4 News** (Teletext) and weather (553902)

7.50 **The Slot**. Viewers' video soapbox (635094)

8.00 **Classic Motorcycles**. *The last in the series* spotlights the Italian Carlo Guzzi and his magnificent machines (r). (Teletext) (1920)

8.30 **Brookside** (Teletext) (s) (9655)



Hunter Davies attacks the champions (9.00pm)

9.00 ***Without Walls: J'Accuse Manchester United***. Hunter Davies accuses Manchester United of putting business interests before football. (Teletext) (s) (4015)

9.30 **Without Walls: My Generation**. A portrait of the *1960s pop group, The Troggs. (Teletext) (87346)*

10.00 **FILM: Hope and Glory** (1987) starring Sebastian Rice-Edwards, Sarah Miles, Susan Wooldridge and David Hayman. John Boorman's autobiographical story of a London family's life during the Blitz, through the eyes of a nine-year-old. (Teletext) (s) (63698839)

12.05am ***The Kids in the Hall****. A showcase for Canadian* comedians (r) (s) (6101149)

1.35 **Blood Sweat and Glory**. The ethics and future of sport (r) (1155940)

2.05 **Passing Days** and **Satiemania**. Two animations from the Zagreb Studio (2345327)

2.35 **FILM: They Made Me a Fugitive** (1947, b/w) starring Trevor Howard. Thriller about a black *marketeer who escapes from Dartmoor to wreak revenge on the gang leader who had him framed Alberto Cavalcanti directs (284650)*. Ends **4.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (3483920) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News (6239549) 1.55 A Country Practice (86086181) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (1315568) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (4470742) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4117094) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (509452) 7.30-8.00 *Food Guide* (891) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News (390433) 12.35am Film: Keoma (Franco Nero, William Berger, Woody Strode) (544114) 2.30 The Little Picture Show (4352327) 3.25 The Beat (9475785) 4.20 On the Live Side (58335037) 4.35 The Entertainers (37800308)

CENTRAL

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GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (3483920) 12.20pm-12.30 Granada News (6239549) 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9134013) 1.25 *Home and Away* (60178278) 1.55 Vanessa (65705365) 2.20 Gardeners' Diary (58385520) 2.50-3.20 Emmerdale (1315568) 3.25 Granada News (4470742) 3.30-3.40 The Magic House (8696839) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (4117094) 6.25 Granada Tonight (509452) 7.00 Emmerdale (6758) 7.30-8.00 Highways and Holidays (891) 10.30-10.40 Granada News (390433) 11.40 Crime Story (694891) 12.40am Film: *The Haunted Palace* (Vincent Price, Debra Paget, Lon Chaney Jr) (388308) 2.20 *The Little Picture Show* (4455105) 3.15 America's Top Ten (43837360) 3.40 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (93026124) 4.10 Jobfinder (4654211) 5.00 Vanessa (56679)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (3483920) 12.20pm-12.30 HTV West News (6239549) 2.25 Wish You Were Here...? (58384891) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (7881471) 3.25-3.30 HTV West Headlines (4470742) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (4117094) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (907) 7.30-8.00 West Eye View (891) 10.30-10.40 HTV West Headlines and Weather (390433) 4.10am Jobfinder (4654211)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (907) 7.30-8.00 The Really Helpful Programme (891) 10.30-10.40 HTV Wales News and Weather (390433)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (86086181) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (1315568) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4117094) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (655) 6.30-7.00 Doing It Up (907) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right (891) 12.35am Keoma (544114) 2.30 The Little Picture Show (4352327) 3.25 The Beat (9475785) 4.20 On the Live Side (58335037) 4.35 The Entertainers (37800308) *5.00 Freescreen* (58679)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 2.25 The Young *Doctors* (58384891) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4117094) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (80487) 7.30-8.00 On the Road to the Islands (891) 4.10am Jobfinder (4654211)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (3483920) 12.20pm-12.30 Calendar News (6239549) 1.55 A Country Practice (86086181) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (1315568) 3.25-3.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News / [illegible], Network North (4470742) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4117094) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (607433) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (907) 7.30-8.00 Action Time (891) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (390433) 11.40 Film: The Comeback (Robert Urich, Mitchell Anderson) (792758) 1.20am The Little Picture Show (2767899) *2.20 Sport AM* (6015569) 3.20 The Beat (9475414) 4.15 Jobfinder (1890037)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38617) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (61810) 9.30 Maytime (76732704) 11.55 Matrix (1913487) 12.00pm House To House (58346) 12.30 Slot Meithrin (90810) 1.00 Little Miss (31704) 1.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper (69181) 2.00 The Late Late Show (57902) 3.00 The Real Holiday Show (9891) 3.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6058549) 4.20 The Pickle Pirate (5538758) 4.30 Saved By The Bell - The New Class (704) 5.00 5 Pump (1636) 5.30 Fifteen To One (384) 6.00 Newyddion (471278) 6.15 Heno (828029) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (4100) 7.30 Mbo O Dwn (433) 8.00 Dau Rhys (At Frys) (1920) 8.30 Newyddion (9655) 9.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (2029) 10.00 Brookside (69075) 10.30 Dim Tafod (20907) 11.30 The Best Of The Tube (18597) 12.00am My Generation (98016) 12.30 Naked News: The Tabloid (20389)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (95723) 8.00 Power Rangers (15865) 8.30 Blockbusters (14926) 9.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (46865) 10.00 Concentration (54181) 10.30 Card Sharks (94162) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (88636) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (18742) 12.30pm Anything But Love (34278) 1.00 St Elsewhere (22439) 2.00 *Matlock* (55810) *3.00* The Oprah Winfrey Show (9630810) 3.50 DJ Kat *(4516891) 4.30 Power Rangers* (7568) 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (8079) 6.00 Murphy Brown (8433) 6.30 Family Ties (2013) 7.00 Rescue (1278) 7.30 M*A*S*H (8297) 8.00 The X-Files (89988) 9.00 Models Inc (72452) 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (82839) 11.00 David Letterman (807278) 11.50 Richard Littlejohn (401278) 12.45am Chances (4924872) 1.30 The New WKRP in Cincinnati (25360) 2.00-6.00 Hitmix Long Play (2947478)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5185013) 9.30 Fashion TV (40128) 10.30 ABC Nightline (92704) 11.00 World News and Business (814094) 1.30pm CBS News (68549) 2.30 Parliament Live (95075) 4.00 World News and Business (50742) 5.00 Live at Five (8362907) 6.05 Richard Littlejohn (8056384) 7.30 O.J. Simpson Trial, Live (8884051) 11.30 CBS News (43384) 12.30am ABC World News Tonight (3737308) 1.10 Entertainment This Week (5268768) 2.30 Parliament Replay (19016) 4.30 CBS News (61969) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (33105)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am **Showcase** (2272568) 10.00 **The Yarn Princess** (1993) (38094) 12.00 **Captive Hearts** (1987) (69013) 2.00pm **Mystery Mansion** (1983) (68891) 4.00 **At Long Last Love**. (1975) (11593891) 5.50 **The Yarn Princess** (1993) As 10am (77936452) 7.30 **Close-Up** (3365) 8.00 **1492: Conquest of Paradise** (1992) (57336723) 10.35 **Boomerang** (1992) (72707346) 12.35am **Husbands and Wives** (1992) (653124) 2.25 **A Touch of Adultery** (1992) (747679) 4.00-6.00 **The Spikes Gang** (1974) (91360)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm **Showcase** (62013) 4.00 **Fancy Pants** *(1950)* (2033) *6.00* ***Blonde Venus*** (1932) (58649) 8.00 **Mean Machine** (1975) *(54094) 10.00* ***Electra Glide in Blue*** (1973) (868013) 11.55-2.00am **Melvin and Howard** (1980) *(18974278)*

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am **The Vengeance of She** (1967) (38433) *8.00* **Les Miserables** (1988) (49549) 9.00 **Ghost Stories** (1987) (31365) 10.00 **A Bullet for Joey** (1955) (36636) 12.00 **Call Northside 777** (1948) (67655) 2.00pm **The Arizonian** (1935) (64433) 4.00 **Les Miserables** (1988): As 8am (45810) 5.00 **Ghost Stories** (1987): As 9am (9487) 6.00 **The Canterville Ghost** (1986) (84297) 8.00 **Cagney and Lacey: The Return** (1994) *(89742) 10.00* ***Last Action Hero*** (1993) (64546297) 12.10am **Hard Boiled** (1992) (36760358) 2.20 **Without Warning: Terror in the Towers** (1993) (478037) 4.00-6.00 **In the Deep Woods** (1992) (22259)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5618346) 7.15 Rugby *League Academy* (703297) 8.15 Soccer News (8694108) 8.30 Speed and Beauty (32907) 9.00 *Snowboard Tour* (29487) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (74471) 10.00 Golf: Senior Slam (15758) 11.00 Basketball (22094) 12.00 Snooker: The British Open, Live (2027094) 5.00pm World of Speed and Beauty (6128) 5.30 Snowboard Tour (5704) 6.00 Soccer News (537433) 6.15 Boots 'n' All (699100) 7.00 Snooker: The British Open, Live (278471) 10.00 Soccer News (983839) 10.15 International Cricket: West Indies v Australia (356723) 11.45 Tartan Extra (308926) 12.45am *Boots 'n' All* (1685389) 1.30-2.00 Snowboard Tour (76018)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Eurogolf Magazine (95568) 8.30 Athletics (98907) 9.30 Football (42704) 11.00 Speedworld (17162) 12.00 Live Tennis (2012162) 5.00pm Football (85365) 6.30 News (1365) 7.00 Motors Magazine (32471) 9.00 Boxing (60966) 10.00 Football (94100) 12.00-12.30am News (56056)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (7568094) 8.30 Peyton Place (7568365) 9.00 As the World Turns (4405926) 10.00 Guiding Light (3889075) 11.00-12.00 Another World (3609839)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (7562181) 12.30pm Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (4847181) 1.00 Trailside — *Make Your Own Adventure* (3803655) 1.30 Cook Italian (4848452) 2.00 Australian Panorama (4426181) 2.30 Travels in Europe — Munich and Bavaria (1486182) *3.00 American Vacation (1948384) 4.00* Sky Travel Guide (7781574) 4.30 Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (1381538) *5.00 Colorado River* Adventures (4417433) 5.30 Cook Italian *(8337815) 6.00 Travels in Europe (3399711)* 6.30 Discover America (8259926) 7.30 Australian Panorama (1311487) 8.00 Around the World (4413617) 8.30 Sky Travel Guide (4426452) 9.00 Globetrotter (1323075) 9.30 Discover America (2263181) *10.30 Colorado* River Adventures (7652758) 11.00 Travels in Europe — *Munich and Bavaria* (1328520) 11.30-12.00 Cruising the Globe (7020487)

Mia Farrow and Liam Neeson (Sky Movies, 12.35am)

TLC

9.00am The Magic of Ribbon (7452902) 9.30 Cooking with Kurma (2253181) 10.00 Secret Gardens (2887094) 10.30 Jimmy's (1052366) 11.00 Only Human (4720384) 12.00 Youth Express (3052146) 12.30pm House Style (2264297) 1.00 Cooking with Kurma (4724100) 1.30 The Magic of Ribbon (2263568) 2.00 Hot House People (2868723) 3.00 Successful Home Video (3414297) 3.30-4.00 Two's Country (8809433)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4807487) 7.30 *Neighbours* (4713094) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (4402687) 8.30 EastEnders (5852128) 9.00 The Bill (5852920) 9.30 Sullivan's Law (6001433) 10.30 Angels (6811452) 11.30 Going for Gold (8342549) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (1252164) 12.30pm Neighbours (2288655) 1.00 EastEnders (4806758) 1.30 The Bill (2265926) 2.00 After Henry (3497520) 2.30 Foreign Bodies (8806346) 3.00 *Knots Landing* (8346365) 4.00 Dallas (8358100) 5.00 Going *for Gold (84756839) 5.25 XYZ (84735346)* 5.50 Hi-De-Hi (2551471) 6.30 EastEnders (8821655) 7.00 Keep It in the Family (3408636) 7.30 Help! (8827839) 8.00 After Henry (3417384) 8.30 The Lenny Henry Show (3496891) 9.00 The Sweeney (6369617) 10.00 The Bill (4807933) 10.30 Top of the Pops (3903346) 11.10 Rory Bremner (8256723) 11.50 Dr Who (5697758) 12.20am FILM: Devil's Canyon (1953) (7421360) 1.55 Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (8210617) *6.55* Garfield and Friends (8150636) 7.25 Eek the Cat (3057655) 7.55 Degrassi Junior High (3570549) 8.25 Super Mario Brothers *(8175926) 8.45 Casper and Friends* (3238100) 9.00 Sesame Street (45177) *10.00 It's Droibee Time (98075)* 12.00 Garfield and Friends (63891) 12.30pm Eek the Cat (12655) 1.00 Beverly Hills Teens (51181) 1.30 Super Mario Brothers (90879297) 1.45 Baby Follies (90867452) 2.00 Barney and Friends (7966) 2.30 Babar (7988) 3.00 Casper and Friends (4762075) 3.15 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (616162) 3.45 Sonic the Hedgehog (615433) 4.15 Head to Head in 3D (6701568) 4.30-5.00 California Dreams (1592)

NICKELODEON

7.00am NickAlive! (5614988) 7.15 Rude Dog and the Dweebs *(727617)* 7.45 Rugrats (726988) 8.15 Nicktoons (835100) 8.45 NickAlive! (4461988) 9.00 Nick Jr (514278) 12.00 Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (34365) 12.30pm Denver the Last Dinosaur (56029) 1.00 Smoggies (24452) 1.30 Galaxy High School (75100) 2.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (6618) 2.30 Henry's Cat (5758) 3.00 Grimmy (6365) 3.30 Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (4075) 4.00 Rude Dog and the Dweebs (6810) 4.30 Rugrats (2094) 5.00 Clarissa Explains It All (1810) 5.30 NickAlive! including Rocko's Modern Life (3346) 6.00 Doug (6487) 6.30-7.00 Secret of the Stones (4839)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Birdscape (8828568) 4.30 From Monkeys to Apes (8817452) 5.00 Wings of the Luftwaffe (3405549) 6.00 Invention (5026636) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (5394655) 7.30 Deadly Australians (8818181) 8.00 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (3415926) 8.30 The World of National Geographic (3494433) 9.00 Aircrash (6460487) 10.00 Endangered World — A Kenyan Trilogy (6367346) 11.00-12.00 Tortoise and Turtle (4718549)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: The Veil (1958) (2874384) 2.00pm thirtysomething (2862549) 3.00 Rat Patrol (3401723) 3.30 Hogan's Heroes *(8909487) 4.00 FILM: And Then There Were* None (1975): Agatha Christie whodunnit *(3412839) 6.00 Get Smart (8825471)* 6.30 Police Woman (9734891) 7.30 Honey West (8812907) 8.00 thirtysomething (6371549) 9.00 Twin Peaks (26378687) 10.45-12.00 FILM: Curse of the Stone Hand (1964) (28671013)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5008029) 7.00 Living Magazine (2535891) 9.00 Front Gardens (6173810) 9.30 Kate and Allie (1462162) 10.05 Health UK (1937452) 10.35 The Susan Powter Show (18118471) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (2534162) 12.00 Kilroy (9642926) 12.55pm Mediterranean Cookery (6670520) 1.30 The New Mr and Mrs Show (1258029) 2.00 Agony Hour (5948742) 3.00 Living Magazine (7322636) 4.00 Infatuation (8234520) 4.30 Crosswits (8230704) 5.00 The Joker's Wild (2627013) 5.30 Raw Energy (8254384) 6.00 The Susan Powter Show (8251297) 6.30 Brookside (8242548) 7.00 Challenge Anneka (3125742) 8.00 The Young and *the Restless (3101162) 9.00* FILM: Why My Daughter? (1993) The mother *of a dead prostitute fights to bring her killer to* justice. With Linda Gray (30505029) 10.50 *Gladrags and Glamour (5912926)* 11.00 Brookside (7335100) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (5943297)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (4826) 5.30 Mighty Jungle (1704) 6.00 The Black Stallion (826758) 6.25 All Clued Up (498549) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (4162) 7.30 My Two Dads (1181) 8.00 Christy (56452) 9.00 Moonlighting (43988) 10.00 Family Catchphrase (64520) 10.30 GP (80568) 11.00 Lou Grant (41758) 12.00 Rhoda (30056) 12.30am Big Brother Jake (95495) 1.00 Dangermouse (93211) 1.30 Trivial Pursuit (18018) 2.00 Moonlighting (68785) 3.00 Lou Grant (15230) 4.00 Rhoda (88414) 4.30-5.00 Big Brother Jake (81476)

MTV

6.00am Wildside (61056) 6.30 The Grind (18988) 7.00 3 from 1 (1576704) 7.15 Wildside (8032926) 8.00 VJ Ingo, (411617) 11.00 Soul (59723) 12.00 Greatest Hits (93520) 1.00pm Afternoon Mix (19568) 2.00 3 from 1 (16351487) 2.15 Afternoon Mix (9546181) 3.00 Cinematic (4764433) 3.15 The Afternoon Mix (5197655) 4.00 News (6780075) *4.15 Afternoon Mix (6703926)* 4.30 Dial MTV (2810) 5.00 The Worst of Most *Wanted (6384) 5.30 Music Non-Stop (74167)* 6.30 Sports (4655) 7.00 Greatest Hits (49162) 8.00 Most Wanted (78346) 9.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (89079) 10.00 News (492162) 10.15 Cinematic (497617) 10.30 Real World (82926) 11.00 The End? (41013) 12.30am The Grind (97853) 1.00 Soul *(40766)* 2.00 Videos (2265872)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (3602326) *8.00 Cafe VH-1 (7823655) 12.00* The Bridge (6517549) 1.30pm Ten of the *Best (1249926)* 2.30 *Heart and Soul* (8243365) 3.30 Into the Music (7511452) *5.00 Prime Cuts (4937758)* 7.00 VH-1 for You (8331891) 8.00 VH-1 Rock (8357839) 9.00 Ten of the Best (8337075) 10.00 The Bridge (4401100) 11.30 The Nightly (4582029) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (6788037) 2.30-7.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm, including at 5.00 Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (61374297) 8.30 *Hum Zameen (43328278) 9.00 Hindi FILM* (36946926) 12.00 Farmaish (43322094) 12.30pm *Manasi (18521346) 1.00 Hindi* FILM (49435568) 4.00 Chureh (23165461) *4.30 Yuganter (27765425) 5.00 Kab Kyon* Kahan (96459162) 5.30 Zee and U *(81882155) 6.00 Vede Vaku (44069946) 6.30* Gaane Anjaane (22715920) 7.00 Video *Junction (96479926)* 7.30 Saajan Sajni (26315984) 8.00 News (96455346) 8.30 *Antakshri (96467181) 9.00 Campus* (96678013) 9.30 Asp Ki Adalat (18534810) *10.00 Shakti (43323723) 10.30* Khrikyan (43332471) 11.00 Kachwa Aur Khargosh *(98753758) 11.30-12.00 Krishna (12316013)*

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm **Dream Wife** (1953) (96353384) 9.00 **The Maltese Falcon** (1941) (37119094) 11.00 **Babe** (1975) (25866617) *12.45am* ***Gaiety George*** *(1946) (60168969)* 2.25-5.00 **The Siege of Sidney Street** *(1960) (39925292)*

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Victory puts Australia in charge

West Indies facing test of character

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

FOR the first time since 1975-76, when Clive Lloyd's side gave up the ghost in Australia, West Indies cricketers are faced with a crisis of confidence. Australia not only won the first Test match of this series here on Sunday, but, in doing so, they also showed West Indies up as being badly in need of cohesion. One of the strengths of modern West Indian sides has been that players have pulled for each other: in this one, they seemed not to be doing so.

In Andy Roberts, they have a new manager who was much feared as a bowler and still has a fairly quelling way with him. He knows more than enough to have seen that, at times, Ambrose and Walsh were at half-cock, and that far too many West Indies wickets were thrown away. At the end of the first day, after West Indies had been bowled out for 195, Roberts attributed their negligence to a surfeit of one-day cricket; but nobody, himself included, can have been convinced by that.

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, was surprised to find that when, early in the Australia first innings, he hooked at Ambrose, he had finished his stroke before the ball arrived. Ambrose has been kept out of the game with shoulder trouble, but in one of the stands was a West Indian banner suggesting that his shoulder was not the matter so much as his attitude. There were no such half measures with the Australians: they were wholly committed and played very well for their ten-wicket victory.

Several times in recent years, one has thought that West Indies were ready for the taking, but it has never quite happened. Their fast bowlers, and the confidence which they transmit, have allowed them to prevail. When they have lost a Test match, as they did against England here in Bridgetown last year, it has usually been after the series has been won. It is a very different matter losing a first Test match, let alone in comfortably under three days: when they are searching for an opening pair, have an ageing, somewhat mercurial attack, and have just brought back a captain who has been through the torment of a breakdown.

The advantage Richie Richardson had when he took over the West Indian side from Vivian Richards in 1991 was that he is a less daunting figure than his predecessor and the players were happier for it. He was never a perceptive tactician, any more than Richards had been or Lloyd was, but he grew into the job and was well liked. Captaining West Indies to success through the Nineties had been a matter simply of shuffling the fast bowlers and acquiescing in as much intimidation as they could get away with.

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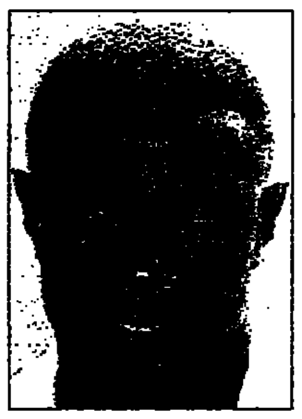
Richardson now returns to a side that has been rather enjoying itself under Courtney Walsh, their caretaker captain, and at a time when he, himself, is searching desperately for confidence, not only as a batsman but also in his own worldliness. From now on, he will need all the help he can get from his team, and Roberts will have told them so in no uncertain terms.


Richardson: needs help

The West Indian selectors are also under pressure. To have included two unfledged opening batsmen was indicative of an over-confidence induced by West Indies's easy 4-1 victory in the one-day series and the absence from the Australia side of Craig McDermott.

The Australians were delighted that neither Simmons nor Arthurton was chosen for the first Test match. They felt that they had less to fear from Campbell and Williams, who, in the event, totalled only 17 runs between them.

There is further resentment, too, that Desmond Haynes, rather than going in first for West Indies last week, as he had wanted, was making 92 for Western Province against Orange Free State in Bloemfontein.

In Brian Lara, of course, West Indies still have the world's best batsman. To him, almost anything is possible. With one innings, he could transform the series. Mention of him brings one to that "catch", the one that never was of the first day but which, unfortunately, accounted for Lara when he had made 65.

Considering to whom it happened, when it happened and that nobody is in any doubt that Steve Waugh put the ball down, it has caused remarkably little antagonism. If Australia had been playing England, it would have registered on the Richter scale. Here, prudently, there are seen to be more far-reaching reasons for such an unexpected defeat.

☐ Craig McDermott, the Australia fast bowler, has abandoned plans to rejoin the tour after medical tests on torn ligaments ruled out an early recovery.

Conner and his *Stars & Stripes* crew celebrate the victory over *Mighty Mary* that forced a sail-off between the yachts today.

Conner draws level in battle of the sexes

Barry Pickthall on the male failings that prevented a triumph over chauvinism in the America's Cup

IF NOTHING else, Dennis Conner is a master of survival. The America's Cup maestro, pummelled from all sides, fought back to gain a decisive victory over Bill Koch's women's crew off San Diego on Sunday to keep hopes alive that his *Stars & Stripes* team can continue towards a record sixth tilt at yachting's premier trophy.

Had Leslie Egnot and her crew on *Mighty Mary* won, then Conner, who has withstood a barrage of protests on and off the water during the past week, would have been knocked out of the cup before reaching the finals for the first time in more than two decades.

Instead, a victory today in a sudden-death sail-off against *Mighty Mary* will propel Conner, the only man to have lost and regained the America's Cup, through to the Citizen Cup finals against Kevin Mahaney's champion defence candidate, *Young America*.

"We feel we have momentum now," Paul Cayard, who shares the wheel of *Stars & Stripes* with Conner, said after their one-sided four-minute win. "It's been a tough week, especially after the jury took away one of our wins over the keel change, but now we have a real chance."

Koch, whose vision and wealth have helped mould a disparate team of female rowers, weightlifters and other athletes into a world-class sailing crew, was frustrated as victory over male chauvinism slipped away.

The greatest irony was that just when the women sailors had their greatest success in sight, it was the man Koch had brought on board to replace J. J. Isler, the female tactician, who lost the race. Dave Dellenbaugh was the controversial inclusion to this once all-women crew whose strategic skills were meant to sharpen up the team's tactical abilities. Yet it was he who made the greatest tactical mistake of them all — steering the boat over the start line early.

It was an unforced error drawn from a last-minute dither as to which end of the line to start. Twenty seconds before the gun, he was in two minds about whether to continue harassing Conner's yacht or tack away for a clear start at the committee boat end of the line. Dellenbaugh shot the boat up into the wind, changed his mind and bore back down towards *Stars & Stripes*. Then, moments before the starting gun fired, he pulled the wheel down again and was caught with *Might Mary's* bows across the line three seconds early.

By the time that he had handed the wheel over to Egnot to steer the rest of the race and she had returned to cross the line correctly, *Mighty Mary* was a mighty 53 seconds adrift. In her 21 starts before this semi-final series, Isler had not been caught out in such embarrassing fashion, although she was late once for a start.

As a result, Conner, who once said that he would give up sailing if ever beaten by the women, had the victory he needed most handed to him on a plate, ending a three-race losing streak that, only hours before, had looked like leaving him high and dry for the rest of the series. Instead, Conner levelled the series 3-3 and won the right to a sail-off.

The race jury, headed by John Doerr, the Briton, swiftly cleared the backlog of protests and counter-protests that have surrounded the controversial keel change to Conner's damaged yacht a week ago. The litigious issues, which threatened to submerge the event and drag the sport back to the dark days of 1988, when the cup was fought over in the Supreme Court, were dealt with in the firmest manner.

Doerr refused Koch's request to reopen the keel issue, dismissed Conner's protest against *Young America* and spoke darkly of charging protesters with unsportsmanlike conduct if any more frivolous issues were brought to his attention. As a result, two other protests still pending were quietly withdrawn, leaving the waters clear for a good clean fight today.

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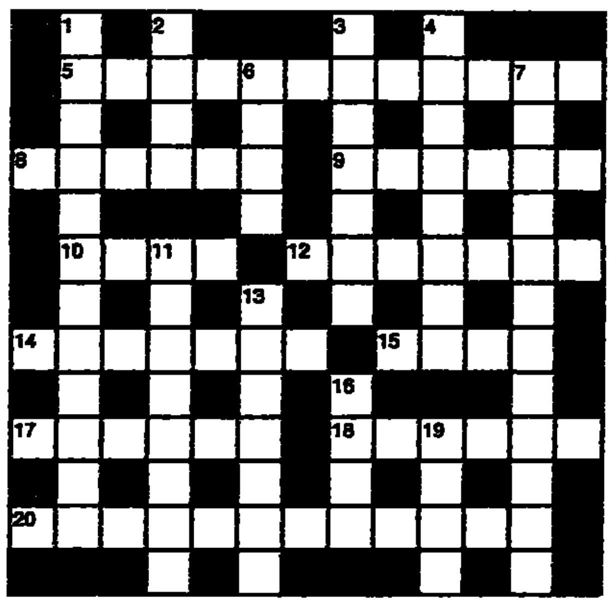

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- 5 Defiantly query decision (5,3,4)
- 8 Toy shooter (6)
- 9 Roman god of fire (6)
- 10 Long tooth (4)
- 12 Creation of the imagination (7)
- 14 Part of lock; type of surgery (7)
- 15 Final part of musical piece (4)
- 17 Fruit, comes in hands (6)
- 18 Extensively damage (6)
- 20 Toy twirled and jumped over (8-4)

DOWN
- 1 Mark of encouragement, approval (3,2,3,4)
- 2 Excitedly alert (4)
- 3 Of dramatist George Bernard (7)
- 4 Thin-bladed dagger (8)
- 6 Sea eagle (4)
- 7 "The – Banner" (USA's) (4-5)
- 11 Potato spirit (8)
- 13 Scruffy cinema (4-3)
- 16 Boast; card game (4)
- 19 Early stringed instrument (4)

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Blackburn primed to widen gap

BY PETER BALL

BLACKBURN Rovers can take another step towards the FA Carling Premiership title at Loftus Road tonight. A win against Queens Park Rangers will put them eight points clear of Manchester United with only six games to play.

Their fortuitous win at Everton on Saturday, combined with United's failure to beat Leeds United on Sunday, appeared to tilt the balance firmly in Blackburn's favour. Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, as always, refused yesterday to look beyond tonight, but the feeling grows that the fates are with his team, and even he recognises his side's luck at Goodison Park.

"Every team needs a bit of good fortune and we were a bit short on that in the early part of the season, so maybe it is catching up with us now," he said. "Perhaps the luck we got on Saturday at Everton was due to us."

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RUN-IN

BLACKBURN ROVERS	MANCHESTER UNITED
Tonight: Queens Park Rangers (a). Apr 11: Crystal Palace (h). 15: Leeds United (a). 17: Manchester City (h). 30: West Ham Utd (a). May: 8: Newcastle United (h). 14: Liverpool (a)	Apr 15: Leicester City (a); 17: Chelsea (h) May 1: Coventry City (a); 7: Sheffield Wednesday (h); 10: Southampton (a); 14: West Ham United (a)

United can only hope that Blackburn's luck has run out. Perhaps it has, for, after avoiding Duncan Ferguson, the Scotland international striker, at Goodison, they now run into an England forward, since Rangers will be strengthened by the return of Les Ferdinand, who has a habit of scoring against Blackburn. Ferdinand missed the 1-0 win at Coventry City on Saturday with knee and shoulder injuries, but they have eased and he will offer an intruiging contrast to Shearer, Blackburn's spearhead.

If Dalglish refuses to take anything for granted, his tribute to his team yesterday morning sounded like a tribute to champions. It also provided a testimony to the qualities required to win an English championship. "You only get luck if you work hard for it and they have worked tremendously hard," Dalglish said. "They [the players] have shown they can play, they've shown they can compete; they can play against footballing sides, they can play against physical sides, which you have to do. They can play in the wind and the rain and even in the few bits of sun. They've been through all our seasons and they are still standing there to be counted."

☐ Cambridge United, of the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, yesterday dismissed Gary Johnson, their manager, and placed Tommy Taylor, the former West Ham player, in temporary charge.

☐ Three Welsh non-league clubs — Newport AFC, Colwyn Bay and Caernarfon Town — have been banned indefinitely by Fifa, the sport's world governing body, from all competitions from the end of this season. The Football Association of Wales is being taken to the High Court by the clubs for refusing to allow them to play in the English pyramid system from their Welsh bases.

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Game in turmoil over rebel league

Christopher Irvine on how a super league in Australia may affect rugby league in Britain

Kerry Packer, the Sydney rebel tycoon whose world circus split cricket in 1977, is the unlikely establishment figure now battling to prevent a "Packer-style" television revolution of rugby league.

For World Series Cricket read Star League, a proposed ten-team super league in Australia and New Zealand, which has attracted around 100 deserters from the Australian Rugby League (ARL). Packer's Channel Nine television network holds exclusive rights for ARL games, and he is determined to shepherd them back into the fold.

The ARL, its coffers swelled by Packer, extracted loyalty pledges yesterday from 25 players. However, most of the present Australia side have signed up for the alternative competition with News Limited, part of The News Corporation, of which Rupert Murdoch is chairman and chief executive and which is the parent company of *The Times*.

Star League matches are due to be screened from next year on pay television in Australia and via BSkyB and Star-TV in Great Britain and Asia.

Ricky Stuart, the Australia scrum half, is among the prominent figures to sign, but Packer and the ARL were last night still attempting to dissuade him. "I believe in the super league concept," Laurie Daley said, "and my future is secured" — a reference to the stand-off half's reputed seven-year £1 million deal.

A ban on rebels playing any representative rugby was not an unsurprising resort by the ARL. It is one way in which the stride might be taken out of the Australians in the World Cup this autumn in England and Wales, but hardly a satisfactory one. Ripples from the revolution 12,000 miles away might extend to leading players in Britain being enticed. Then, there is the question of Wigan's on-off World Club Challenge defence in June against Canberra, one of three clubs facing expulsion by the ARL.

The possibility of a world league controlled from Australia troubles the Rugby Football League. Rodney Walker, the chairman, said: "In the event of Murdoch creating a schism in Australia, it is inevitable he will want to talk to us. If we simply sit back and allow him to cherry pick, there would be the elite and the rest."

Less than a month after the launch of four new teams in an expanded Winfield Cup, the revolt from within appears far more serious than the one quashed by Packer in February. Unless delayed by court action, the rebels could be up and running by next March.

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